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CLASSICS

By SHELBY STROTHER

Courage. The word makes him laugh—at least when it's used wrong.

Jamie Morris shakes his head when someone talks about his tremendous "courage" on the football field. Sure, he's small—5-foot-7, 179 pounds—yet he still butts heads with mammoth tacklers every Saturday in the fall. Morris often is asked to describe how much "courage" that takes.

"They don't know what I know," said Morris, a senior tailback for Michigan. "I know what real courage is."

His father was a Green Beret who made more than 500 parachute jumps in Vietnam in the mid-1960s, was wounded twice and came back with a rainbow chest of decorations. His mother raised six children and held a full-time job while waiting, hoping, praying that her husband would return safely.

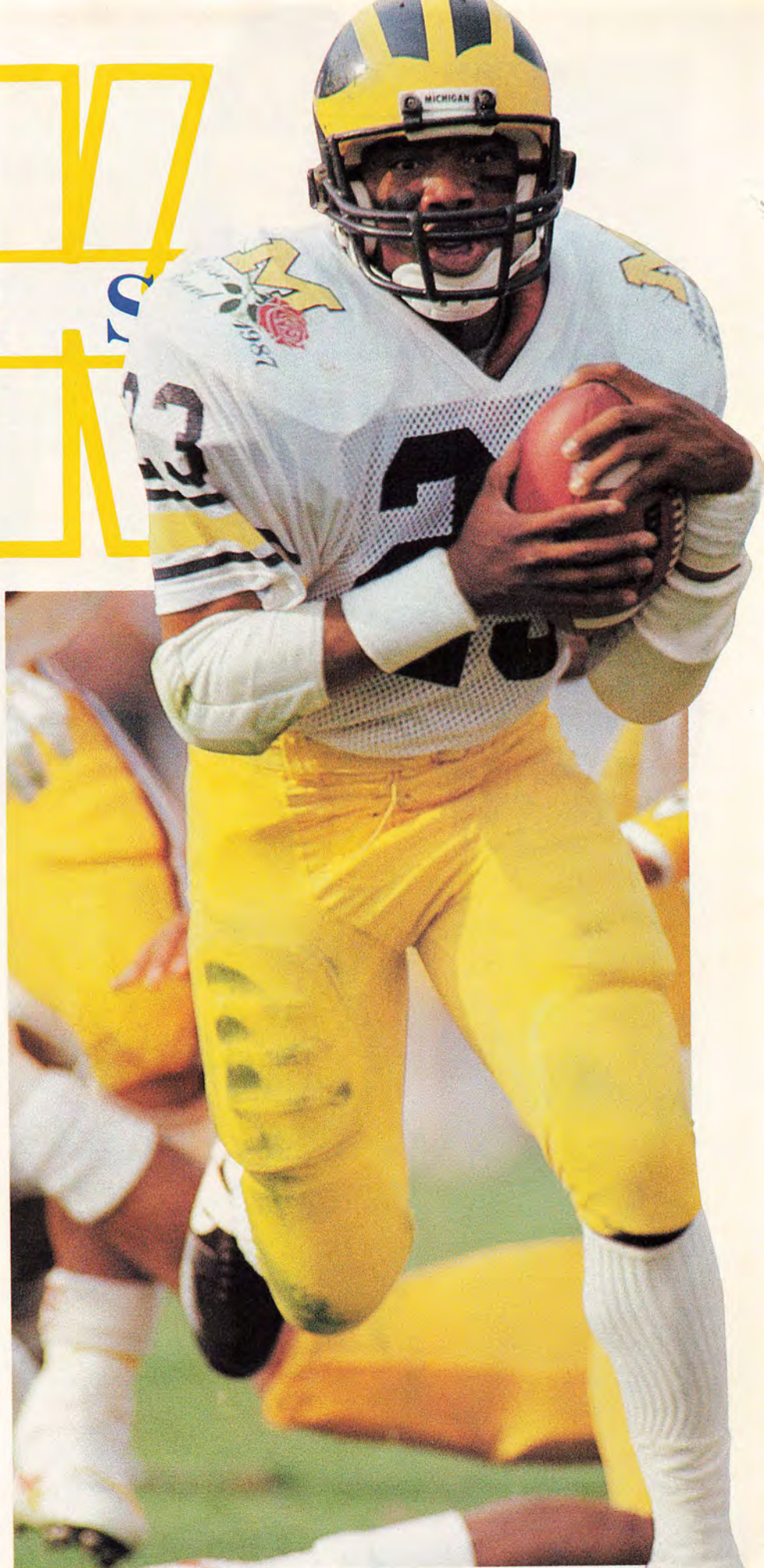
"Courage," Morris said, "is both an overused and misused word. My dad was in a helicopter one day—it was Christmas Day, in fact—when the steering stick was shot out by Vietcong. They made it back safely. That's courage. My mother, she knew a lot of stuff that she kept from all us kids because she didn't want us to get scared; kept the 'happy face' all along. That's courage, too. Running the ball ... that's just football."

"Besides, I don't do anything on a field that my brothers didn't do before me."

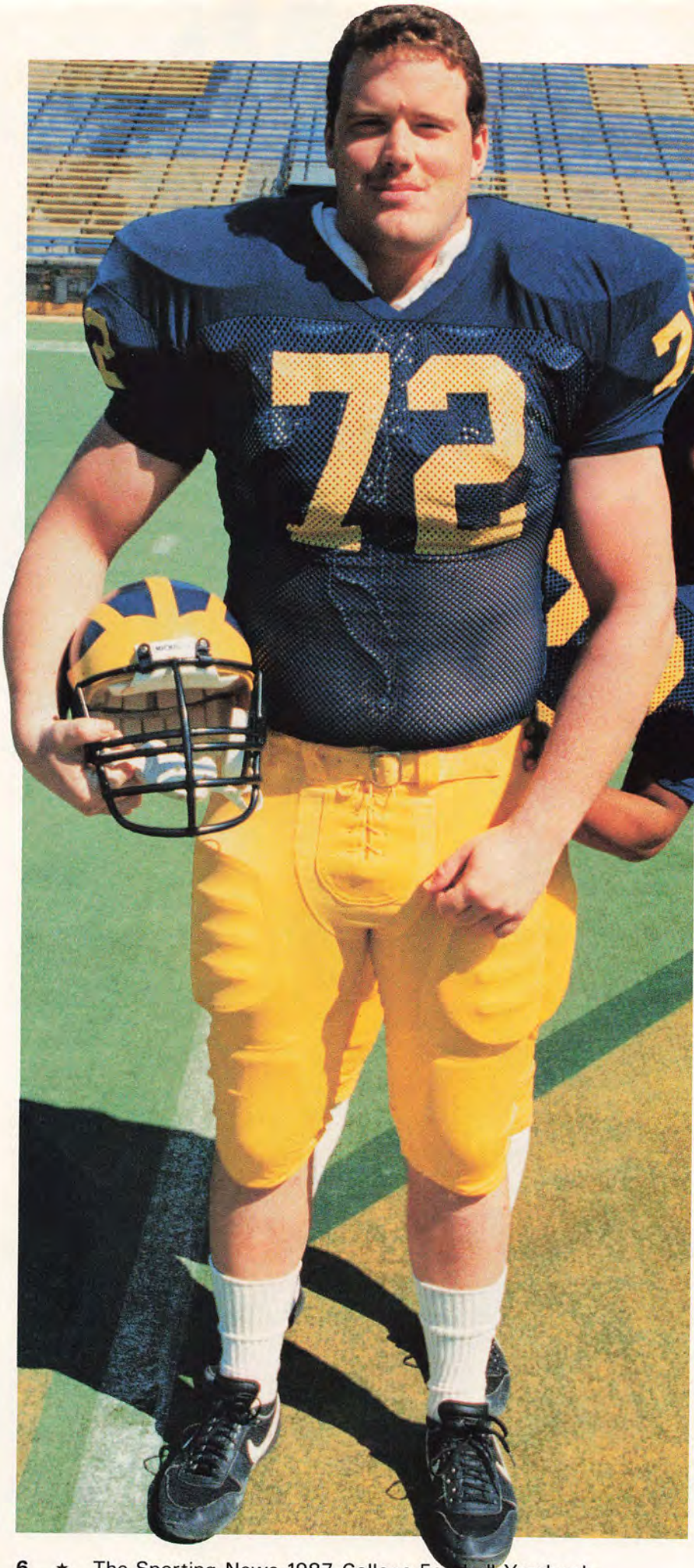
Jamie Morris smiled. These are the best of times. His senior season awaits. At last, he has his own identity. He no longer

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Michigan running back-deluxe Jamie Morris poses with brother Joe (right, left photo), the New York Giants' star running back, and father Earl (center).



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is simply the son of Master Sgt. Earl Morris, the war hero, or the kid brother of Joe Morris, All-Pro running back for the New York Giants. Jamie now casts his own shadow. A college degree is forthcoming. Maybe another trip to the Rose Bowl. Maybe even a shot at the National Football League.

"Wow, it sneaks up on you," Morris said. "To think I almost threw it all away."

That was three years ago. In 1984 he was a freshman wearing a green field jacket that belonged to his father, still in awe of his surroundings, still getting his bearings in Ann Arbor, still trying to convince everyone (maybe even himself) that he belonged in big-time football. And before he knew it he was put into a game—the Wolverines' season opener against the defending national champions.

"We were playing Miami, which was ranked Number 1 in the country at the time," Morris recalled. "I ran onto the field, headed for the huddle, and then the crowd got to me. Michigan Stadium is a pretty amazing sight when it's full. They were doing the wave and I was stunned. I guess it's OK to say now, but I have no idea what the play or the snap count was that first time."

Morris carried the ball eight times for 24 yards in his collegiate debut as the Wolverines beat the Hurricanes. He made his first start two weeks later, rushing for 138 yards on 28 carries and catching four passes for 45 yards to lead Michigan over Wisconsin. His 86 yards rushing helped the Wolverines ease past Indiana the next week, and he made his third consecutive start against Michigan State. Coming into that October 6 game, Michigan was 3-1 and Morris was shaping up as a star tailback.

Then everything fell apart.

In the third quarter, Morris fumbled. Even worse, Wolverines quarterback Jim Harbaugh dove to recover the ball and wound up breaking his arm. Michigan lost, 19-7, and Harbaugh was out for the season.

Morris was crushed. That's it, he decided. He didn't belong at Michigan. He would quit, go back home, back to Ayer, the small town in Massachusetts where he grew up. He was sobbing as he called his mother.

Addie Morris could not believe what she was hearing.

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to say about this?" she asked.

He then remembered his father's stern advice the year before. Though his three brothers and two sisters had picked a college closer to home, Jamie had had his heart set on attending Michigan since he was 11. If that's what he wanted, well, the family was behind him. Even if he hadn't gotten a scholarship, brother Joe was going to pay his first year of tuition and everything. But there was one rule: Stick it out. Nobody in Earl Morris' family is a quitter.

"You make your own bed; you better sleep in it," bellowed the father, an Army veteran who retired after 28 years to become a postmaster in Ayer. Yes, Earl Morris would be a bit disturbed when he heard that his youngest son wanted to come home.

Jamie was still in tears, just as depressed and suddenly very confused when, five minutes after hanging up with his mother, the phone rang. It was Joe.

"I couldn't believe he was calling," Jamie said. "He always seems to know."

Joe Morris was always Jamie's favorite hero. The oldest brother. The star player at Ayer High School, where the rest of the boys followed suit. The former Syracuse star who broke many of the Orangemen records once held by Jim Brown, Ernie

Davis, Floyd Little and Larry Csonka. The star running back of the Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

Joe asked what was wrong. Jamie said his fumble had caused the star quarterback to break his arm. Joe asked if Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler had yelled at him. Not yet. Joe asked if Jamie thought he would be kicked off the team for the fumble. Probably not.

"Then don't forget you're in college to get the education," Joe said.

That was the big-brother wisdom that yanked Jamie Morris out of his blues. It took just that one tug on the invisible umbilical between them to help the youngest of a remarkable family take the first giant step toward manhood.

"Joe's like magic," Jamie said. "We talk once a week during the season. He always seems to know when I need him. Sometimes it works the other way, too. My whole family is pretty close, closer than most, I guess. But me and Joe—it's like we share the same heart or something."

Jamie Morris obviously didn't quit college that day. Though he was not in the starting lineup the next week against Northwestern, he made quite an impression. He returned the second-half kickoff 80 yards to set up his first collegiate score, a five-yard touchdown run. He finished the '84 campaign with a team-high 562 yards rushing, making him the first freshman to lead the Wolverines in rushing since 1945.

All of this came as a bit of a surprise to

Schembechler, who confessed that he never expected Morris to become the team's star ballcarrier.

"He was not your 'must-have' recruit," the coach recalled. "When he visited here, I enjoyed talking with him. You could sense he was a tremendous competitor. But you could see even easier that he was 5-foot-7 and I doubt if he weighed 160 pounds. I thought we had a nice kick returner or maybe even a wide receiver. I remember him coming to ask me if he could have a chance at tailback. All I said was 'We'll see.'"

Tirrel Burton was more easily convinced. The Wolverines' offensive backfield coach came to Schembechler with glowing reports about Morris after watching the freshman practice. He admired the youngster's quick feet, soft hands and, most importantly, intense desire. A real fire-eater.

"Once he got in the I-formation and you got him the ball," Burton said, "he didn't seem so small after all."

The coaches' main concern about Morris as a freshman was his tendency to fumble.

"You cannot fumble the ball at Michigan," Burton said. "We turn the ball over via the fumble by a running back less than any team in the country. Every young back must learn to protect the ball. Jamie had to learn to protect, to secure, to anchor the ball. His problem wasn't a serious one. It was more a thing with too much desire."



Schembechler noticed that Morris was trying to squeeze extra yardage out of hopeless situations.

"He'd strain and try for one more yard and wouldn't keep the ball tucked under his armpit," Schembechler said. "He'd try to reach out with the ball and someone would knock it loose. He's worked hard to correct that."

Morris exploded his sophomore season. He rushed for 1,054 yards in 1985, including 156 yards in Michigan's 27-23 Fiesta Bowl victory over Nebraska.

"Jamie's got 4.3 speed (in the 40-yard dash), so that makes him a gamebreaker right there," Burton said. "But what makes him so special is his consistency, his discipline, his resiliency, his toughness. The back who can break a long one occasionally isn't going to play over the youngster who is there every play. Jamie always has his intensity."

And his versatility. Morris is "my best blocker among the tailbacks," Schembechler said. "And here's someone who could get away with being a mediocre blocker because of his size. But he's so tough that he really works on blocking. And he has excellent hands; he's a fine pass receiver as well."

As a junior, Morris had 193 carries for 1,039 yards (5.4-yard average) and 29 receptions for 240 yards in the regular season. He led the Wolverines to the Big Ten Conference championship and the Rose Bowl, where they lost to Arizona State.

At Michigan, which includes bowl game

statistics in its season records, no running back has ever posted three consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Morris is aiming to do that as a senior this fall. He also has 80 career receptions and will move into fourth place on the Wolverines' all-time pass-catching list with 14 receptions this fall.

"That's what I mean when I talk about consistency, durability, the toughness to play hard every game, every practice," Burton said. "Those are the numbers of a great all-around football player."

Morris giggled.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I just can't take myself so seriously. You have to realize what it's like to be part of the Michigan tradition. It's not like I play on a bad team. Our offensive line—wow! They always get me holes. I'm not trying to downplay what I've done here. But I can't say I would have accomplished what I have at any other school."

Michigan. Morris remembers the game on TV when he was 11. Michigan vs. Ohio State, November 20, 1976.

"I remember this big (defensive) stand," he said. "Michigan held (actually intercepted a pass to preserve a scoreless tie at halftime) and won the game (by scoring 22 unanswered points in the second half). And all those people in the stands. And those helmets. I decided right then that was where I was going to play football."

Eleven is a tender age to plot your life's course. Yet the world already had jumped

out at Jamie and his innocence. A few years earlier, while rummaging around the attic, Jamie had found a flag from a foreign country. And a helmet that had nothing to do with football. And some dog tags. They were true treasures to a young boy, but solemn memories to his father.

"I never knew my dad was in the war until that day," he said. "I didn't know what Vietnam was all about; I was only 5. But I'll never forget asking my dad. It was a really dumb question: 'Did you ever kill anybody in the war?' He never talks about it. He tried to change the subject. But I kept asking and finally he told me, 'Yes.' He said it was kill or be killed."

"A few years later I saw this movie 'Green Berets' with John Wayne, and I asked if that was how it was. And he shook his head. 'No.' That's all he said. Then I saw the Rambo movies and he said that wasn't how it was, either. I haven't seen 'Platoon' yet. I want to go to see it with him. That's supposed to be how it was. I want to know what he went through. He won't talk about it."

Growing up while his father fought a war and his mother worked in a plastics factory (making Cool Whip bowls) could have thrown Morris into a common pit with other children who had no direction. The criminal stereotype could have fit snugly.

"Not at our house," Morris said. "My sisters Geraldine and Wanda (the oldest

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Six members of the Morris family (left to right): Michael, Jamie, Addie, Earl, Joe and Wanda.

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Morris children) used to take care of me until it was time for them to go off to college. Then it was Joe's turn. I never lacked for supervision."

Jamie has fond memories of backyard football games during those impressionable years. Joe, the high school hotshot, used to share his gridiron knowledge with his younger brothers—Larry and Mike, who later would follow Joe to Syracuse and earn three letters each, and Jamie, who would go his own way.

"He would come home and explain all the plays to the kids in the neighborhood," Jamie recalled. "We ran the veer on Shiloh Street. We'd play other neighborhoods in challenge games. It was great. There was Salerno Circle. And some others. Maynard Street was our big rival. They were tough. We used to have rock fights with Maynard Street. One time I got hit by a rock on the leg and my brother Mike beat the other kid up."

As might be imagined, discipline was strict in the Morris household. Earl Morris, the career military man, insisted that beds be made with hospital corners pulled tight enough to bounce quarters, that shoes be spit-shined, that floors be scrubbed and waxed so clean that they could double as plates.

Sometimes the kids would be asleep and the master sergeant would find dirt or clutter somewhere in the house. Everyone would be shaken awake and everyone would clean and then everyone would go back to sleep.

"I resented it back then," Jamie said. "I'd say stuff like 'I'm never gonna treat my kids that way.' But now I can see what my father was trying to do. He was setting us up for the real world. I'm a pretty disciplined person now, and I have him to thank for it."

Morris admits he gradually has gone

the way of most collegians. Namely, "I'm not quite as neat as I used to be at home," he said. "I mean, my roommate (fullback Phil Webb) and I keep our living room very clean. But don't go in any other rooms. And I will say this—if I hear that Mr. and Mrs. Morris are coming for a visit, we will have an all-night GI party that will pass a white-glove inspection the next day."

Morris laughed again.

"I'm not as much of a perfectionist as I should be, I guess," he said. "My dad is a perfectionist. Coach Schembechler is a perfectionist. My brother Joe is a perfectionist. I guess I'm somewhere just below."

An occasional wadded-up pair of pants in the corner of a bedroom or a few dishes in the sink once in awhile isn't enough to disqualify Jamie Morris.

"He's such a competitor that yeah, I'd call him a perfectionist," Schembechler said.

Said Burton: "Jamie tries just as hard in practice as he does in games. He wants to be perfect."

And the final endorsement: Earl Morris described his son as "a real perfectionist. I believe that's why he gets better and better each year. All my sons were perfectionists."

Morris said his work ethic was yet another gift/lesson from his father.

"Always work hard," he said. "Never give up. Work on the practice field, work in real life. Take life one day, one step, one cut at a time. I'm guilty of looking ahead sometimes, thinking if I have a chance at playing pro football like my brother. But only here and there, and always for just a few seconds. We've got the nucleus this year to be good again. Last year we made it to the Rose Bowl and that was great. But we lost. I'd like to get back there."

These are his daydreams. They differ from the visualizations he conjures at night, a formal process in which he tries

to imagine himself executing specific plays, accomplishing things that have not yet happened. One is a lark of the dreamer, the other the forced discipline of the achiever. Both usually end up in the end zone.

Schembechler, whose office is filled with trophies and plaques that would seem to resurrect the ghosts of Michigan past, resists comparisons between Jamie Morris and other Wolverine greats. His assessment of the tough little tailback is simple.

"If you don't like Jamie Morris, you don't like football," the coach said. "He's a kid with no hang-ups. You can yell at him and he won't pout. You can praise him and he won't take it the wrong way. And every time we have a big game, Jamie Morris is going to play a heck of a game for you. He rises up for those moments. He's just a tough football player."

Big games, like the one that prompted him to start bleeding maize and blue 11 years ago, are Morris' specialty. He has rushed for 100 or more yards nine times at Michigan, including a career-high 210 yards against Ohio State last year.

"My mother asked me after the Ohio State game if I remember how I felt the first time I ever saw Michigan, when I decided that's where I wanted to go to college," he said. "She said there was probably some little boy somewhere in the country who watched me on TV and decided he wanted to be a Wolverine someday."

"I just thought, 'Wow, that's neat.'"

He has cast his own shadow. It stretches long. It is almost a natural progression, given the bloodlines. Jamie Morris had the "courage" to keep up with the rest of the family. Child is father to the man, and the best bed is one well-slept.

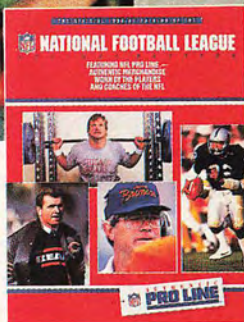
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ALL-AMERICA PREVIEW

Irish's Brown Is Beautiful

By HERB GOULD

Big plays are what Notre Dame flanker Tim Brown is all about. But the most important end-around of his career didn't come on a football field.

It merely got him onto the field.

In high school, Brown agreed to his mother's request that he only go out for basketball and track. In the fall he would play the drums, not football.

"He kind of slipped football in on me," said his mother, Josephine. "I wouldn't sign (the parental release for football) for him, so he got his dad to do it. Until the band leader called wanting to know why he was skipping practice, I was still thinking he was in the band."

Brown went back to the band for a while, but his mother finally relented.

"I was just afraid of him getting hurt," she said. "But he said, 'Mom, I'd rather be doing this than anything else.' So I said OK."

Given the green light at home, Brown proceeded to speed through defenses from hometown Dallas, where he played the majority of offensive and defensive positions for Woodrow Wilson High School, to the four corners of the Notre Dame schedule, where he has been almost as versatile—particularly last year.

In his first season as Fighting Irish coach, Lou Holtz gave fair warning last fall that he would utilize the many talents of his speedy receiver. He vowed that opponents would have to intercept the center snap to keep the ball out of Brown's hands.

That was about right. Brown totaled 1,937 all-purpose yards and scored five touchdowns on catches, two on rushes and two on kickoff returns as a junior. His 176.1 all-purpose yards per game and 27.9 yards per kickoff return both ranked third in the nation. Though primarily a receiver, Brown also found a home in Holtz's wishbone backfield, providing an occasional tailback rush inside just to keep defenses on their toes.

"I like the versatility a lot," said Brown, a 6-foot, 195-pound senior. "When I'm lin-

ing up at flanker and wingback out of the wishbone, a defense can't say 'Tim is going to be here' and focus on stopping just that."

This season, Holtz promised more of the same for the young man he calls "the most intelligent player I've ever been around."

"We'll hand it to him, we'll throw it to him and we'll let them kick it to him," Holtz said. "I can't foresee us doing many things differently than what we did with Timmy Brown."

While Brown enjoys his multiple roles, he can do without one of them.

"No more tailback," said Brown, who was used there last fall because the Irish were young and inexperienced at that position. "I don't mind the wishbone at all, but I don't get thrills out of running up the middle."

It's obvious why Holtz had no qualms about using his standout receiver at tailback. Brown runs the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds and has perhaps the best broken-field cutting ability of any runner since Gale Sayers. In fact, Brown is so fast that he received Holtz's blessing to work in spring football around track, where he produced some impressive results.

For instance, he turned in a 30.06-second 300-yard run, beating Purdue cornerback Rod Woodson, whose speed has dazzled National Football League scouts, by an impressive three-tenths of a second (30.35).

"He just hammered Woodson," Notre Dame track coach Joe Piane said. "I don't know of a faster time this year. In essence, he's running three repeat 100-yard dashes in 10 seconds flat. If he was 100 percent track, there's no telling what he could do. But he'll never be 100 percent track."

Brown, ever modest, hasn't given his world-class track potential much thought.

"I'm just into track because I thought it would help my football," he said. "I never thought I'd do as well as I did."

Although his sensational speed and his football exploits last year make Brown a leading Heisman Trophy candidate in 1987, he and Holtz know the award generally is reserved for running backs and quarterbacks.

"If the Heisman is supposed to go to the outstanding player, I thought Timmy was that last year," Holtz said. "But it's a real tribute to him to be mentioned as a Heis-

*Notre Dame wide receiver
Tim Brown is a man of
many talents.*



man candidate because he's not a quarterback or a running back. . . . A receiver has virtually little chance."

Holtz would like to see Brown become the seventh Notre Dame player to win the Heisman, but he won't rearrange the offense just to beef up his statistics. In fact, "Tim may be more valuable this year and not as productive," Holtz said, because the offense will be without quarterback Steve Beuerlein and talented split end Milt Jackson.

"The best thing I can do to enhance his chances at the Heisman," the coach said, "is to do everything possible to see that Notre Dame wins—not get him the ball or force him the ball or try to make him the center stage of everything.

"And Timmy is unselfish enough to understand that winning not only greatly enhances his chances, it's also the only thing that matters. The rest takes care of itself."

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Josephine Brown has never seen Tim play football in person. And despite the high number of nationally televised Notre Dame games, she has seen only snippets on TV.

"The kids will holler, 'Mom, Tim just made a touchdown,' so I'll come in and see the reruns," she said. "But I never sit down and watch it.

"There's no need to beat around the bush. I belong to the Church of God in Christ, and we really don't believe in football or any sports. That's the way I tried to raise my children."

Tim, the fifth of six children, also has strong religious convictions, but not to the point of excluding sports.

"You know how moms are," he said. "I don't ask her to change."

Though she doesn't entirely approve of her son's athletic endeavors, Josephine Brown has learned to enjoy Tim's achievements.

"When they get to a certain age, they want to go their own way," she said.

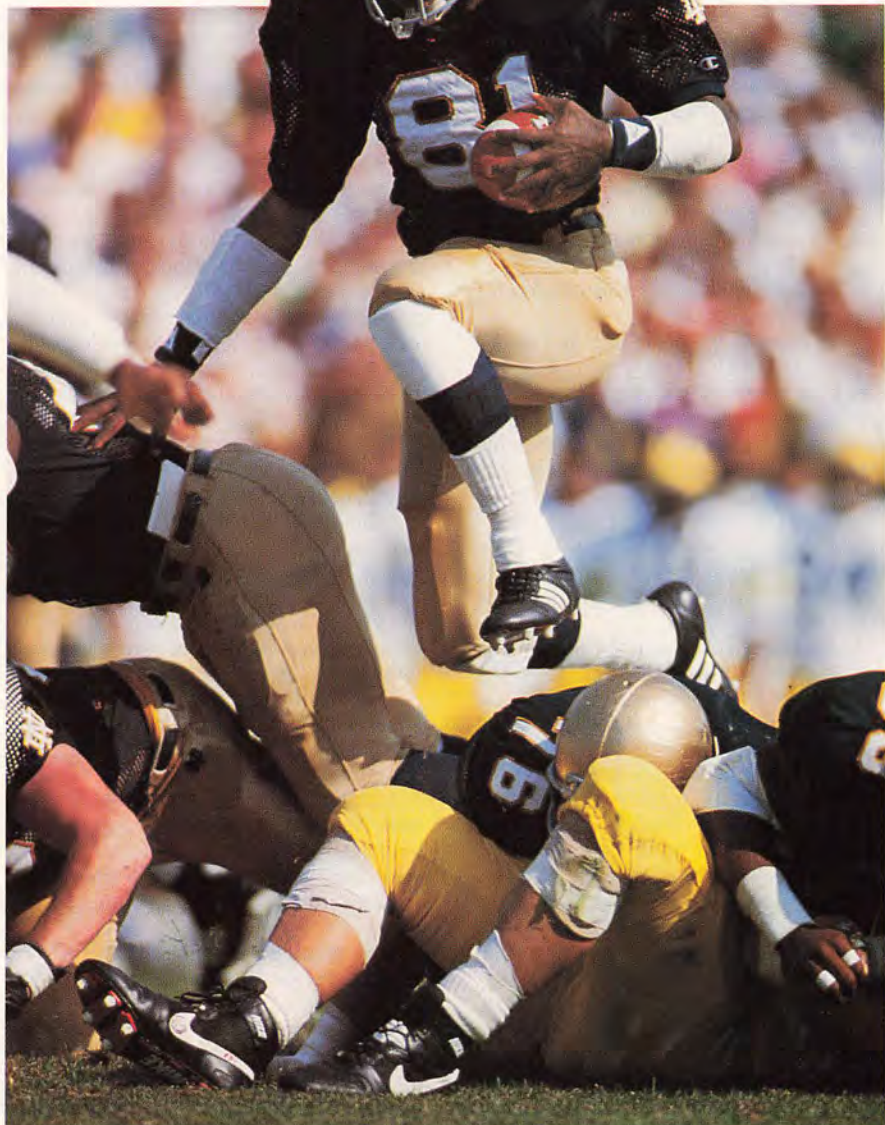
But there are limits. When the family traveled to South Bend, Ind., last September, she stayed behind while the rest of the family went out to watch Tim play.

"He just wants to see Mom," she said. "I don't know the first thing about football, so if I was there, I wouldn't know what he was doing anyway. And if he got hurt, I'd be down on that field."

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If Josephine Brown had gone to her son's high school games, she would have seen a one-man show.

The Woodrow Wilson Wildcats won only four games in Brown's three varsity seasons, but the precedent for Brown's versatility was firmly established there. On a given series he might play wide receiver on first down, quarterback on second down and running back on third be-



Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz will use any means available to get the football into Tim Brown's talented hands.

fore the inevitable punt.

"It was ridiculous," Brown said, "but that's what we had to do to have any chance of winning. We only had 27 players."

Brown was the first man down on punts, "and I made some good hits, too," he said. While the opposition had the ball he played safety. After the other team scored, Brown returned kickoffs. He also was on the field when the Wildcats kicked off, "but we didn't do that too often," he said. "We didn't score many points."

If that sounds like a high school version of Holtz's "make-'em-intercept-the-snap" strategy, that was the idea.

"I said if he didn't get on the bus, I wasn't getting on, either," said Richard Mason, Brown's high school coach.

Though Brown did not play in the band at halftime, he did write about the games

afterward. He was sports editor of the school newspaper.

"That was the hardest thing in the world to do," Brown said, "because I'd try to keep my name out of it. Sometimes I'd try to use another byline, but it was an editor's column and people would say, 'We know who the sports editor is.'"

Brown was not an all-state football pick in high school, but he was heavily recruited by most major colleges, including nearby Southern Methodist. Brown had long dreamed about playing for the Mustangs, but on the eve of national signing day he still was undecided whether to attend Notre Dame or stay at home and go to SMU. His only brother, Don Kelly, made a late push for the Irish, citing Notre Dame's prestigious history and academic

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reputation, and Tim opted to head north.

"You're talking big-time football," said Brown, who was among The Sporting News' Top 100 incoming freshmen in 1984.

Brown's big-time debut was memorable, though he would much rather forget it. The first game of his freshman year was against Purdue in the dedication of the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis. In front of 60,672 fans, Brown fumbled the opening kickoff. The Boilermakers converted that blunder into a gift field goal and went on to post a 23-21 victory.

"That's something I'll never live down," Brown said.

That marked the beginning of Brown's two years under Gerry Faust, now the coach at Akron. Those years were frustrating for Brown and the rest of the offense, which chafed under a predictable running attack despite a fine set of receivers.

"(Allen) Pinkett right. Pinkett left," Brown said. "It was sickening. He (Pinkett) didn't want it like that, either. All the receivers felt as if they should have the ball more."

Not getting the ball and shuttling in and out of games "was frustrating for Tim," said former Irish tight end Joel Williams, one of Brown's closest friends. "It stunted his growth as a player."

Brown's time was coming, though. Faust was sent packing after the 1985 season and replaced by Holtz. From the first time he watched Brown scrimmage, Holtz knew he had something special.

"Even my wife at the first scrimmage said, 'Boy, he's good!'" Holtz said. "I mean, she doesn't know, but even she could say, 'Wow!'"

After averaging 26.5 receptions per season and 13.9 yards per catch in two years under Faust, Brown tallied 45 catches for an average of 20.2 yards last year under Holtz. Brown also was Notre Dame's fourth-leading rusher (59 carries for 254 yards, a 4.3-yard average) as a junior after gaining 44 yards on five carries his first two years.

"You can never minimize the effect a Tim Brown has on a football team or a football game," Holtz said.

Most dramatic, perhaps, was Notre Dame's game at Louisiana State. The Irish offense didn't step onto the field until only 42 seconds were left in the first quarter, but thanks to Brown's 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the LSU lead was only 14-7.

"When you're playing every day with a guy who hasn't gotten a lot of notoriety, it's hard to realize that no one in the country can do what he does better," said Williams, a senior last year. "But when he ran the kick back at LSU, we realized."

Said Holtz: "He made so many big plays. Each game it would be a little different. But the kickoff against Air Force (a 95-yard touchdown when the Falcons had an early 3-0 lead) was certainly big. The 84-yard touchdown pass against SMU was exceptionally big. So was the kickoff return at LSU."

Holtz said Brown's best day was when the Irish came back to beat Southern California, 38-37.

"The three big plays he made at Southern Cal were incredible," said Holtz, whose team trailed, 30-12, with only 3:52 left in the third quarter. "First there was the kickoff to ignite it, the deep pass to keep it going and the punt return to throw gasoline on the fire."

The kickoff return, a 57-yarder, put the Irish just 37 yards from the touchdown that closed the score to 30-20. The deep pass, a 49-yarder, put the Irish 26 yards from the TD that made it 37-35. The 56-yard punt return with just 2:15 left to play gave Notre Dame the ball at the USC 16-yard line. After milking the clock, the Irish hit a field goal to win with no time left.

"The punt return against USC is a play I'll remember for a long time," Brown said.

Brown's favorite plays, however, are receptions. He particularly enjoys "catching the short pass and making it go the distance," he said. "An example of that was the Navy game, where I caught a short pass up the middle and ended up going 77 yards. Beuerlein threw me the ball, but after that it was me. That makes

me happy."

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Life makes Brown happy, too. When he is not playing football, running track or studying, he enjoys life's simple pleasures. A party animal he is not.

"He's very laid back," Williams said.

According to Williams, a relaxing night for Brown is dinner with friends, followed by listening to some records and just shooting the breeze. For Tim Brown, that's living it up.

"College brings out the worst in you," Brown said. "I'm at my wildest right now, I guess, and that's not bad at all. I just want to be a normal human being, if that's going to be possible."

He also would like to "become a more religious person," he said.

"He's religious, except for football," Josephine Brown said with a chuckle. "I guess when he gets out of that he'll be OK."

When most people look at Brown, though, they see a nice young man.

"If you were going to create a son, he's the guy you would make," track coach Piane said. "He has every right to walk around with a head as big as Cleveland, but he's just one of the guys."

That was apparent last December, when Brown traveled to Hollywood to appear, along with other football All-Americans, on Bob Hope's Christmas extravaganza.

"It was just wild, being around Bob Hope and meeting Johnny Carson," Brown said. "I was like, 'What am I doing here?'"

That was as wild as it got for Brown. Hollywood offers plenty of options for those who enjoy life in the fast lane, but that's not Brown's style.

For instance, Brown spent some time with Heisman winner Vinny Testaverde, Jerome Brown and Bennie Blades, a trio of Miami (Fla.) All-Americans. Like most college students in that situation, the Hurricanes were anxious to explore the city's nightlife.

"Those guys are just wild," Brown said. "It was really tough for me to hang out with them. They were trying to go everywhere, strip bars and everything. I just went up to my room and talked all night with my brother." (Yes, Brown was chaperoned.)

Brown, who took his schoolbooks with him to keep up with his classes, said he enjoyed the opportunity to meet Testaverde.

"We got to talk a lot," he said. "I was fascinated, really, because he had won the Heisman. But we didn't talk about the Heisman much. He'd just won it, and ESPN was already saying that I was a leading candidate for next year. So I was trying to play it down."

"But I had a good time out there. I'd like to go back this year and maybe make a couple of other trips, too—especially one to New York."

He didn't have to say that's where the Heisman Trophy is awarded. ■

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Rating the Wide Receivers

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Tim Brown	6-00	195	Senior	Notre Dame
2.	Wendell Davis	6-00	183	Senior	Louisiana State
3.	Cris Carter	6-03	200	Senior	Ohio State
4.	Michael Irvin	6-02	200	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
5.	Sterling Sharpe	6-01	196	Senior	South Carolina
6.	Greg McMurtry	6-03	200	Soph.	Michigan
7.	J.R. Ambrose	6-00	189	Senior	Mississippi
8.	Lawyer Tillman	6-04	220	Junior	Auburn
9.	Ken Henry	6-03	195	Senior	Southern Cal
10.	Aaron Cox	5-10	175	Senior	Arizona State
11.	Jeff James	6-00	186	Senior	Stanford
12.	Naz Worthen	5-09	168	Senior	N. Carolina St.
13.	Hart Lee Dykes	6-04	206	Junior	Oklahoma State
14.	Marc Zeno	6-03	198	Senior	Tulane
15.	Andy Schillinger	6-00	187	Senior	Miami (O.)
16.	Andre Rison	5-10	182	Junior	Michigan State
17.	Anthony Miller	5-11	178	Senior	Tennessee
18.	Keith Gloster	5-11	165	Senior	Temple
19.	John Ford	6-03	200	Junior	Virginia
20.	Darryl Franklin	5-10	181	Senior	Washington



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Florida's Longshot Quarterback Bell Rings Up Victories

Kerwin Bell was a big fish in such a small pond that no major-college recruiter even bothered to scout him in high school. He had led his team to a Florida 1-A championship and was a two-time all-state pick, but nobody believed the native of Day, Fla., (population 250) could play big-time college football.

In fact, no school of any size offered him a scholarship. Florida and Florida State, the recipients of a highlight film packaged by Bell and his high school coach, would go only so far as to offer him a chance as a walk-on. Bell chose Florida.

After a redshirt season, Bell was the last of eight quarterbacks listed on the Gators' depth chart heading into spring practice in 1984. But by that fall he had moved up to No. 2, and when the projected starter suffered a knee injury four days before the opener against defending national champion Miami (Fla.), Bell was thrust into the starting role.

Andy Sinclair Is Center of Attention

After roaring off to a 5-1 start last season and earning a spot in the Top 20 polls, Stanford suffered an embarrassing 10-0 loss to Southern California on October 25. The Trojans completely stuffed the Cardinal's high-rolling offense.

Jack Elway, the Cardinal coach, was irate. He called for a team meeting with his beleaguered offense, the guys he'd recruited to throw the ball over people, not run it down their throats.

"I said I was tired of being clever, that I wanted them to fire out and hit people, slam the ball at them, one of those kinds of speeches," Elway recalled.

All of a sudden, a voice came from the back of the room. "Coach," the player said, "I hope you'll still consider a play-action pass now and then."

The tense meeting cracked up. Andy Sinclair had struck again.

"I was stressing to be more dominating, more physical, and Andy says, 'It wouldn't hurt to throw a pass once in awhile,'" Elway said, laughing. "He's a good guy."

"We have a good relationship," the 6-foot-3, 275-pound junior center said. "He's a players' coach. He listens to us, and I don't feel uncomfortable with the man at all. That (the wisecrack) was just off the top of my head. I did it to help him out, and I think he kind of enjoys it."

Sinclair enjoys blocking, be it for a passer, such as departed star John Paye, or a runner, such as Heisman hopeful Brad



Bell



Ellis

Rating the Quarterbacks

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Kerwin Bell	6-03	205	Senior	Florida
2.	Todd Ellis.....	6-03	203	Soph.	South Carolina
3.	Tom Hodson.....	6-03	181	Soph.	Louisiana State
4.	Todd Santos.....	6-02	200	Senior	San Diego St.
5.	Jamelle Holieway....	5-09	180	Junior	Oklahoma
6.	Rickey Foggie.....	6-01	185	Senior	Minnesota
7.	Chris Chandler	6-03	204	Senior	Washington
8.	Mike Perez	6-02	215	Senior	San Jose State
9.	Mark Maye	6-04	200	Senior	North Carolina
10.	Danny McCoin.....	6-03	195	Senior	Cincinnati
11.	Jeff Francis.....	6-03	208	Junior	Tennessee
12.	Steve Taylor	5-11	190	Junior	Nebraska
13.	Rodney Peete.....	6-02	190	Junior	Southern Cal
14.	Mike Gundy	5-11	180	Soph.	Oklahoma State
15.	Don McPherson	6-00	182	Senior	Syracuse
16.	Troy Taylor	6-03	180	Soph.	California
17.	Jeff Graham	6-04	200	Junior	Long Beach St.
18.	Erik Wilhelm	6-03	211	Junior	Oregon State
19.	Pat Young.....	5-07	170	Soph.	Kent State
20.	Terrence Jones	6-01	207	Junior	Tulane

The freshman threw a touchdown pass in the last minute to put Florida ahead of Miami, but Bernie Kosar rallied the Hurricanes to victory. After that, Bell directed the Gators to a 9-1-1 record and was voted the league's Player of the Year by Southeastern Conference coaches.

As a sophomore Bell passed for 2,687 yards and 21 touchdowns, led the Gators to another 9-1-1 mark and was named All-SEC quarterback. Hampered by a knee injury, an ineffective offensive line and green running backs last year, Bell's numbers fell off somewhat and the Gators

slumped to 6-5. But with 5,816 yards, he still is poised to surpass former Florida star John Reaves (7,549 yards) as the league's all-time leading passer.

Bell's national exposure has been limited by NCAA probation that kept the Gators off television the last two years. But with their return to the tube, Bell should contend for the Heisman Trophy.

"It's an honor to be regarded as a candidate for the Heisman Trophy," he said.

Especially for a guy nobody wanted four years ago.

—JACK HAIRSTON



Sinclair



McDaniel



Elliott

Rating the Offensive Linemen

Centers

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Andy Sinclair	6-03	275	Junior	Stanford
2.	Joe Tofflemire	6-03	255	Junior	Arizona
3.	Nacho Albergamo ..	6-02	257	Senior	Louisiana State
4.	Chuck Lanza.....	6-02	270	Senior	Notre Dame
5.	John Vitale	6-01	289	Junior	Michigan
6.	Pat Shurmur	6-02	238	Senior	Michigan State
7.	Bern Brostek	6-02	272	Soph.	Washington
8.	Jeff Garnica	6-04	260	Junior	North Carolina
9.	Dave Orndorff	6-01	260	Senior	Oregon State
10.	Ted Gatewood.....	6-03	255	Senior	Memphis State

Guards

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Randall McDaniel ..	6-05	261	Senior	Arizona State
2.	Eric Andolsek	6-02	275	Senior	Louisiana State
3.	John Phillips	6-05	250	Senior	Clemson
4.	Freddie Childress ..	6-04	350	Junior	Arkansas
5.	Mark Hutson.....	6-04	280	Senior	Oklahoma
6.	Bill Condon.....	6-03	265	Senior	Alabama
7.	Harry Galbreath ..	6-01	267	Senior	Tennessee
8.	Mark Stepnoski	6-03	265	Junior	Pittsburgh
9.	Anthony Phillips	6-03	280	Junior	Oklahoma
10.	Joe Wolf	6-05	275	Senior	Boston College

Tackles

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	John Elliott	6-07	306	Senior	Michigan
2.	David Richards	6-05	305	Senior	UCLA
3.	Mike Zandofsky.....	6-02	296	Junior	Washington
4.	Pat Tomberlin.....	6-04	300	Junior	Florida State
5.	David Williams.....	6-06	290	Junior	Florida
6.	Tony Mandarich	6-05	297	Junior	Michigan State
7.	Greg Johnson.....	6-04	295	Senior	Oklahoma
8.	Joel Porter.....	6-04	275	Senior	Baylor
9.	Mark Nua.....	6-07	325	Junior	Hawaii
10.	Bob Kratch	6-04	270	Junior	Iowa

Muster. With Paye gone, Sinclair and friends may have to concentrate on slamming the ball at people more this season.

"That's OK," Sinclair said. "It's fun, too,

getting into people. . . . See, the thing is, we're not a passive pass-blocking team anymore. . . . Believe me, it's aggressive."

—NICK BERTRAM

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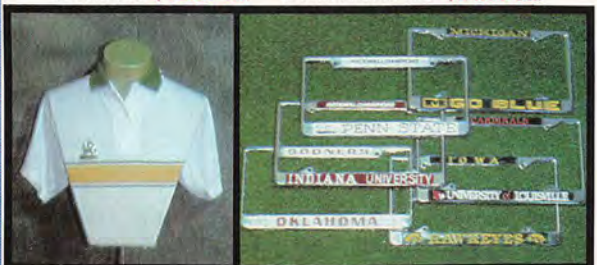


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UCLA's Green Has 1987 Sights Set On Heisman Prize

When No. 44 broke into the open and burst down the left sideline on his way to a dazzling 79-yard touchdown dash in UCLA's 31-10 romp past Brigham Young in the Freedom Bowl last December, the race for the 1987 Heisman Trophy was on.

"This was a good game to start the campaign," senior tailback Gaston Green said after accounting for four touchdowns and breaking the all-time rushing record for major-college bowl games with 266 yards. "I'm looking forward to next year."

Indeed it was a good game to start the campaign. BYU's defense against the run was No. 6 in the land. It held Heisman runner-up Paul Palmer to a scant 67 yards. It featured Outland Trophy winner Jason Buck and Shawn Knight, a tough pair of tackles. But it couldn't stop Green, who enters this season with his eyes focused squarely on the Heisman.

"I think about it a heckuva lot," he said.

Young men, particularly those in Los Angeles, can get obsessed with the idea. Tailback hopefuls at crosstown Southern California have been known to sleep under the Heismans won by Trojan tailbacks Mike Garrett, O.J. Simpson, Charles White and Marcus Allen.

"I guess I never got that obsessed,"



Heyward



Green

Rating the Running Backs

Fullbacks

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Brad Muster	6-03	226	Senior	Stanford
2.	George Cooper	6-02	246	Senior	Ohio State
3.	Craig Heyward	6-00	260	Junior	Pittsburgh
4.	Lydell Carr	6-02	225	Senior	Oklahoma
5.	Melvin Bratton	6-01	217	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
6.	Chip Rives	6-02	214	Senior	Wake Forest
7.	William Howard	6-00	239	Senior	Tennessee
8.	Channing Williams ..	5-10	216	Senior	Arizona State
9.	Doug Allen	5-09	200	Senior	Alabama
10.	A. Weatherspoon	6-00	235	Senior	Colorado
11.	Sloan Hood	5-11	214	Senior	Houston
12.	Keith Jones	6-02	209	Junior	Illinois
13.	David Hudson	6-02	230	Junior	Iowa
14.	Mel Farr	6-00	218	Senior	UCLA
15.	Durwin Greggs	5-11	215	Soph.	Virginia

Halfbacks

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Gaston Green	5-10	190	Senior	UCLA
2.	Jamie Morris	5-07	179	Senior	Michigan
3.	Lorenzo White	5-11	211	Senior	Michigan State
4.	Bobby Humphrey	6-01	187	Junior	Alabama
5.	Thurman Thomas	5-11	191	Senior	Oklahoma State
6.	Darrell Thompson	6-02	204	Soph.	Minnesota
7.	Sammie Smith	6-02	219	Soph.	Florida State
8.	Keith Woodside	6-00	198	Senior	Texas A&M
9.	Darryl Harris	5-11	181	Senior	Arizona State
10.	Lars Tate	6-02	209	Senior	Georgia
11.	Eric Metcalf	5-09	180	Junior	Texas
12.	Harvey Williams	6-02	203	Soph.	Louisiana State
13.	Gary Patton	5-09	185	Senior	E. Michigan
14.	John Harvey	6-00	188	Junior	Texas-El Paso
15.	Blair Thomas	5-10	189	Junior	Penn State

Green said. "But you have to remember we only have one at UCLA (won by Gary Beban, a quarterback, of all things). If they had a whole lot here, I probably would have slept under them, too."

Green grew up thinking about the Heisman. "I was a big fan of O.J., Charles and Marcus," he said. "When I was playing Pop Warner, I always imagined myself

winning the Heisman."

Green rushed for 1,139 yards in 10 games last year, including 224 against USC—the most yards a runner has ever gained against the Trojans. If he continues to run like that this fall, the Bruins might want to start making room for another bronze statue on their trophy shelf.

—NICK BERTRAM

Oklahoma's Keith Jackson Is Beethoven of College Football

They are the unlikelyst of pairs. He, a 6-foot-3, 241-pound senior tight end for Oklahoma; it, a classical instrument known simply as the cello.

Meet Keith Jackson, the Beethoven of college football.

"It takes you out of that barbaric mode," he said. "It takes you out of being

a gladiator on the field to a Beethoven in your own room. It calms you down, where you don't have to think about, 'OK, well, let's see who we can beat up on today.'"

Jackson started playing the cello as a sixth-grader in Little Rock, Ark., and played in the orchestra until the 11th grade, when the demands of sports pulled

him away. Jackson recently decided to fill the musical void in his life by studying the cello in a course for non-music majors. That task, he said, is harder than football.

Football "comes easy," Jackson said, and then compared the two avocations: "You get enjoyment when you do something good, as far as going a whole piece without making a mistake. When you do something bad, it's just like dropping a pass. . . (But) one is brutal; one is not."

Jackson is plenty brutal on the field, where he makes the most of his few opportunities to catch passes in Oklahoma's wishbone offense. Though he made only 14 receptions last year, he took five in for touchdowns and gained 403 yards. The 1986 consensus All-America pick also is an outstanding blocker and a running threat.

But Jackson appreciates the opportunity to get away from all that.

"Instead of being Keith Jackson, big-time All-America, with everybody looking for you to do something extraordinary," he said, "you just want to close the door on all that. You go back to your room by yourself and pick up your bow and your cello, and it's like getting . . . into your own world."

—TOM SHATEL

Rating the Tight Ends

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Keith Jackson	6-03	242	Senior	Oklahoma
2.	Ferrell Edmunds	6-06	235	Senior	Maryland
3.	Greg Scales	6-04	250	Senior	Wake Forest
4.	Pat Carter	6-04	251	Senior	Florida State
5.	Robert Massey	6-04	223	Senior	Georgia Tech
6.	Charles Henry	6-04	218	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
7.	Ron Duncan	6-04	245	Senior	Ball State
8.	Anthony Williams	6-02	247	Senior	Illinois
9.	Mike Flagg	6-06	258	Senior	Iowa
10.	Alfredo Roberts	6-03	230	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
11.	Chuck Gorman	6-04	220	Soph.	Tulane
12.	Brian Kinchen	6-03	221	Senior	Louisiana State
13.	Edward Thomas	6-03	217	Soph.	Houston
14.	Eric Snelson	6-03	235	Senior	Stanford
15.	Steve Johnson	6-06	240	Senior	Virginia Tech
16.	Michael Hinnant	6-04	245	Senior	Temple
17.	Steven Clark	6-05	230	Soph.	Texas
18.	Cedric Davis	6-05	215	Soph.	UNLV
19.	Troy Sadowski	6-05	239	Junior	Georgia
20.	Bill Hoffman	6-04	230	Senior	Wyoming



Scales



Gorman



Keith Jackson, Oklahoma's cello-playing tight end.



ALL-AMERICA PREVIEW

Defensive Back Kip Corrington Makes the Grade At Texas A&M

Texas A&M free safety Kip Corrington apologized for having to leave. He was late for class.

"It wouldn't hurt you to miss it," former teammate James Flowers said. "You probably have an A-plus, plus, plus."

Except for a B in an American literature course, Corrington has gotten all A's, good for a 3.967 grade-point average. He is the top student in the school's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a two-time academic All-America.

A familiar sight on the Texas A&M campus is Corrington, a 5-foot-11, 171-pound senior, riding his bike to class.

"The reason I ride it is I live close enough to campus that I don't have to drive," he said, "and I'm too lazy to walk."

Corrington has been anything but lazy while leading the Aggies to back-to-back Southwest Conference titles and Cotton Bowl appearances. Last season he intercepted three passes, made 93 tackles and was named to the All-SWC team.



Sanders



Blades

He even is beginning to change his conservative image. He now does the "snake," the favorite dance of Aggie defensive backs in which the hips wiggle, the legs slither and the head twirls.

Rating the Defensive Backs

Cornerbacks

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Deion Sanders.....	6-00	180	Junior	Florida State
2.	Jarvis Williams.....	6-00	198	Senior	Florida
3.	Mario Mitchell.....	5-10	185	Junior	San Diego State
4.	Anthony Parker	5-11	181	Senior	Arizona State
5.	L. Northington	6-01	190	Senior	Oregon State
6.	Adrian Jones	6-00	171	Soph.	Missouri
7.	Gary Richard	5-11	180	Senior	Pittsburgh
8.	Kevin Porter	5-11	210	Senior	Auburn
9.	William White	5-10	186	Senior	Ohio State
10.	Dennis Price	6-01	173	Senior	UCLA
11.	Derrick Donald	5-11	195	Senior	North Carolina
12.	Rodney Thomas	5-11	195	Senior	Brigham Young
13.	Donnell Woolford	5-10	190	Junior	Clemson
14.	Don Ellis	5-11	175	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
15.	Stevon Moore.....	6-00	210	Junior	Mississippi

Safeties

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Bennie Blades	6-00	207	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
2.	Chuck Cecil	6-00	185	Senior	Arizona
3.	Kip Corrington.....	6-00	175	Senior	Texas A&M
4.	Ricky Dixon	5-10	187	Senior	Oklahoma
5.	Riccardo Ingram.....	6-00	195	Senior	Georgia Tech
6.	David Vickers	6-04	198	Senior	Oklahoma
7.	James Washington	6-01	195	Senior	UCLA
8.	Ernie Purnsley	5-11	191	Junior	Wake Forest
9.	Terry White.....	5-11	171	Senior	West Virginia
10.	Kermit Kendrick	6-02	200	Junior	Alabama
11.	Steve Atwater.....	6-04	205	Junior	Arkansas
12.	Chris Carrier	6-04	208	Senior	Louisiana State
13.	Brian Washington...	6-01	220	Senior	Nebraska
14.	Todd Krumm.....	6-02	200	Senior	Michigan State
15.	John Miller.....	6-02	202	Junior	Michigan State

"The first time we showed him how to do it, he looked like a lizard," strong safety Alex Morris said. "Now he's a natural, best on the team."

—STEVE SCHOENFELD

Van Waiters Could End Indiana's Long All-America Drought

NCAA records show that Indiana's last consensus All-America football player was end Bob Ravensberg in 1945. In outside linebacker Van Waiters, the 1987 Hoosiers have a legitimate candidate to break that stretch.

On a more powerful team, Waiters probably would have been All-America last year. He helped lead Indiana to its first bowl trip since 1979 and earned All-Big Ten honors by recording a team-high 107 tackles, including a school-record 24 behind the line of scrimmage for 154 yards in losses. He also set an Indiana record with 14 sacks for 115 yards in losses.

"Statistically, he's impressive," Illinois Coach Mike White said. "But watching him play after play is also very impressive."

Surprisingly, one of Indiana Coach Bill Mallory's first moves upon being hired in 1984 was to take a scholarship away from Waiters, a freshman letterman in '83, in order to show that the cornerstone of Indiana's new program was discipline. Waiters chose to pay his own way and stay.

"It was a semester for me to think about what my life was going to be," said Waiters, who returned as a backup player in 1985 and a starter last season.

"He can be better," Mallory said. "He's bigger and stronger now."

—BOB HAMMEL



McGowan



Cotton

Rating the Linebackers

Inside

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Chris Spielman.....	6-02	234	Senior	Ohio State
2.	Paul McGowan	6-01	226	Senior	Florida State
3.	Jeff Herrod	6-01	240	Senior	Mississippi
4.	Bill Romanowski.....	6-03	227	Senior	Boston College
5.	Ken Norton.....	6-02	220	Senior	UCLA
6.	Greg Clark	6-01	225	Senior	Arizona State
7.	Kevin Walker	6-02	238	Senior	Maryland
8.	Gary McGuire	6-03	230	Senior	Houston
9.	John Brantley	6-02	226	Senior	Georgia
10.	Brian Forde	6-02	224	Senior	Wash. State
11.	Rex Moore.....	6-01	225	Senior	Southern Cal
12.	Kurt Crain	6-02	210	Senior	Auburn
13.	Rickey Williams	6-00	221	Senior	Arkansas
14.	Stacy Harvey	6-04	230	Senior	Arizona State
15.	Fred Strickland.....	6-02	226	Senior	Purdue

Outside

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Marcus Cotton	6-04	220	Senior	Southern Cal
2.	Eric Kumerow	6-06	246	Senior	Ohio State
3.	Aundray Bruce	6-06	230	Senior	Auburn
4.	Eric Smith.....	6-03	225	Senior	UCLA
5.	Van Waiters.....	6-04	231	Senior	Indiana
6.	Cedric Figaro.....	6-03	246	Senior	Notre Dame
7.	Clifford Charlton.....	6-03	232	Senior	Florida
8.	John Hunter.....	6-03	220	Senior	Bowling Green
9.	Ken Harvey.....	6-03	225	Senior	California
10.	James Francis.....	6-04	222	Soph.	Baylor
11.	Tim Moore.....	6-03	225	Senior	Michigan State
12.	Michael Johnson	6-02	215	Senior	Texas Tech
13.	Tony Stephens	6-02	228	Senior	Kent State
14.	Thor Salanoa.....	6-00	240	Senior	Brigham Young
15.	Boomer Gibson.....	6-04	227	Senior	Arizona



Kip Corrington, Texas A&M's scholarly safety.



ALL-AMERICA PREVIEW

'Little Fridge' Is Emerging From Brother's Shadow

He is one of football's biggest little brothers, standing 6-foot-2 and weighing a mere 270 pounds. They call him "Little Fridge," "Icebox" and "Microwave."

But as he enters his senior season at Clemson, defensive tackle Michael Dean Perry, brother of the Chicago Bears' William (The Refrigerator) Perry, is making other names for himself—such as "Pro Prospect" and "All-America Candidate." He also can emerge from his brother's giant shadow for the first time since following him to Clemson. With eight sacks this season, Michael Dean will break William's school career record of 25.

"I want the sack record," Perry said, "but not just because it's his (William's). I want it because it's the school record. I had nine last year and didn't play all the time. I'm hoping to play 70 to 80 percent of the time this year."

Perry played only 37 percent of the defensive snaps last year and was still trying to regain his old form after missing five games his sophomore season with an ankle injury. Nevertheless, he led the team with 15 tackles for minus yardage.

Even though William played noseguard and Michael Dean plays tackle, their size, background, appearance and ability prompted the inevitable comparisons



Davis



Noga



Roth

Rating the Defensive Linemen

Ends

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Daniel Stubbs.....	6-04	241	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
2.	Broderick Thomas..	6-02	235	Junior	Nebraska
3.	Darrell Reed	6-02	225	Senior	Oklahoma
4.	Scott Davis	6-07	268	Senior	Illinois
5.	Joe Mott	6-04	235	Junior	Iowa
6.	Mike Piel.....	6-04	256	Senior	Illinois
7.	Eric Lindstrom.....	6-03	220	Senior	Boston College
8.	Bill Hawkins	6-06	245	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
9.	Bill Thompson	6-02	226	Senior	Boston College
10.	Jethro Franklin	6-02	260	Senior	Fresno State

Tackles

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Tracy Rocker	6-03	258	Junior	Auburn
2.	Al Noga.....	6-02	250	Senior	Hawaii
3.	Michael Dean Perry	6-02	270	Senior	Clemson
4.	Curt Koch	6-08	265	Senior	Colorado
5.	Mark Messner	6-03	248	Junior	Michigan
6.	Chad Hennings.....	6-05	260	Senior	Air Force
7.	Mark Nichols	6-02	252	Senior	Michigan State
8.	Neil Smith.....	6-06	265	Senior	Nebraska
9.	Mike Hooper.....	6-03	265	Senior	San Diego State
10.	Pete Curkendall.....	6-03	260	Senior	Penn State

Noseguards

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Tony Cherico	6-00	242	Senior	Arkansas
2.	Dave Haight.....	6-03	270	Junior	Iowa
3.	Billy Harris	6-00	270	Senior	Michigan
4.	Jeff Roth.....	6-04	250	Junior	Florida
5.	Majett Whiteside	6-02	260	Junior	California
6.	David Grant	6-04	271	Senior	West Virginia
7.	Darryl Smith	6-00	230	Soph.	Mississippi
8.	Sammy O'Brient.....	6-03	260	Senior	Texas A&M
9.	David Futrell	6-01	265	Senior	Brigham Young
10.	Rollin Putzier	6-04	279	Senior	Oregon

when Michael Dean began playing at Clemson as a redshirt freshman in 1984.

"I couldn't adjust to trying to live up to his standards," he said. "I was thinking too much about where I should be at this point in my career and compare it to what he did."

For the record, he has 165 tackles, four

more than William did at the end of his junior year, and three more sacks and four more tackles for loss.

Michael Dean may never measure up to his brother physically—William weighs at least 50 pounds more—but on the field, he already is building his own legacy.

—THOMAS O'TOOLE

Virginia Tech's Chris Kinzer Gets His Kicks Conventionally

As straight-on placekicker Mark Moseley passes through the twilight of a distinguished National Football League career, there is hope of preserving his lost art.

Chris Kinzer, one of the few conventional-style kickers in Division I football, won All-America honors at Virginia Tech

as a sophomore last season.

"I first met Mark when I was 11 years old at an area Punt, Pass and Kick competition," said Kinzer, a native of Dublin, Va. "I just had my picture taken with him at the time. Two years later I went to his inaugural kicking camp. He recognized

me. He didn't know my name, but he took me under his wing."

Moseley later gave Kinzer a shoe he had used in the NFL. Though "it was about two sizes too big," Kinzer wore the shoe in high school. He still consults Moseley regularly and attends his camp.

"I've been a counselor ever since my junior year in high school," Kinzer said. "I've been there for six years, longer than anyone but Mark."

Kinzer, who made 22 of 27 field-goal attempts last year to lead the nation, kicks much like Moseley.

"I think if you looked at films, the only difference would be that Mark swings both hands at the uprights," Kinzer said. "I usually have my left hand at my side."

Like Moseley, Kinzer often has come through in the clutch. He provided the margin of victory in six games last year, including a 40-yarder as time expired to lift the Hokies over North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl, 25-24.

"Mark told me after the Peach Bowl that it was like having a son out there," Kinzer said. "I admire him a lot for what he's done for me. I'm his biggest fan."

—DOUG DOUGHTY

Rating the Kicking Specialists

Rk.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	College
1.	Barry Helton	6-04	190	Senior	Colorado
2.	Chris Kinzer	6-00	217	Junior	Virginia Tech
3.	Greg Montgomery..	6-04	215	Senior	Michigan State
4.	Monte Robbins.....	6-04	202	Senior	Michigan
5.	Gary Coston	6-00	173	Soph.	Arizona
6.	Tom Tupa	6-05	214	Senior	Ohio State
7.	Scott Slater	6-00	180	Senior	Texas A&M
8.	Brian Shulman.....	5-10	192	Junior	Auburn
9.	Barry Belli	5-10	167	Senior	Fresno State
10.	Chris Becker.....	6-02	188	Junior	Texas Christian
11.	Tom Whelihan	5-11	197	Senior	Missouri
12.	Derek Schmidt	5-11	179	Senior	Florida State
13.	Rob Houghtlin	6-00	175	Senior	Iowa
14.	Matt DeFrank	6-02	204	Senior	Louisiana State
15.	Joe Worley	5-09	169	Senior	Kentucky
16.	Gary Gussman	5-09	164	Senior	Miami (O.)
17.	Leonard Chitty	5-10	155	Senior	Brigham Young
18.	Pete Stoyanovich	6-00	172	Junior	Indiana
19.	Patrick Broussard ..	5-07	173	Senior	S'western La.
20.	Dan Plocki	5-08	168	Junior	Maryland



Helton



Kinzer



Michael Dean Perry, Clemson's 270-pound defensive tackle.

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OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Frank Baur	6-04	212	Soph.	Lafayette
Dave Brown	6-01	193	Junior	VMI
Dwane Brown	5-09	180	Senior	Arkansas State
Mark Donovan	6-04	200	Senior	Brown
Jason Garrett	6-01	190	Junior	Princeton
Jim Given	6-01	185	Senior	Bucknell
Alan Hooker	6-02	192	Senior	No. Carolina A&T
Pat Mancini	6-03	220	Senior	Boston University
Mark McGowan	6-02	185	Junior	Lehigh
Mike Smith	5-10	175	Senior	Northern Iowa
Greg Wyatt	6-03	195	Soph.	Northern Arizona

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Brad Baxter	6-01	225	Junior	Alabama State
Lee Blum	5-08	185	Junior	Lehigh
Carl Boyd	5-06	169	Senior	Northern Iowa
Tony Citizen	5-11	205	Soph.	McNeese State
James Crawford	5-11	194	Senior	Eastern Kentucky
Chris Flynn	5-09	180	Senior	Pennsylvania
Charvez Foger	5-11	205	Junior	Nevada-Reno
Kenny Gamble	6-00	193	Senior	Colgate
Terrance Hoover	5-09	205	Senior	Delaware State
Chris Jackson	5-10	180	Senior	Boise State
Roy Jackson	5-09	184	Senior	SW Texas State
Reggie Jones	6-02	220	Senior	Florida A&M
Burton Murchison	5-11	209	Senior	Lamar
Victor Pegram	5-09	190	Soph.	Prairie View A&M
Harvey Reed	6-00	180	Senior	Howard
John Stephens	6-01	215	Senior	Northwestern La.
Lewis Tillman	6-00	192	Junior	Jackson State
Jamie Townsend	5-11	184	Senior	Eastern Wash.
Roosevelt Way	5-10	180	Soph.	East Tenn. State

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Mike Barber	5-11	163	Junior	Marshall
Stanley Howard	5-10	175	Senior	Murray State
Harry Mehre	6-00	172	Junior	William & Mary
Craig Morton	6-00	170	Junior	Dartmouth
Curtis Olds	5-11	185	Junior	New Hampshire

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Dean Athanasia	6-03	225	Senior	Yale
Brian Baker	6-04	228	Senior	Northern Iowa
Shawn Collins	6-04	195	Junior	Northern Arizona
Brian Forster	6-01	225	Senior	Rhode Island
Brent Novoselsky	6-03	235	Senior	Pennsylvania
Neal Wilkinson	6-04	226	Senior	James Madison

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Nick Bitsko	6-02	272	Senior	Delaware
Keith Blue	6-03	265	Senior	Western Illinois
Larry Clarkson	6-07	303	Senior	Montana
John Clement	6-04	266	Senior	Northeast La.
Chris Coyne	6-01	273	Senior	Delaware
Tom DeWitz	6-03	250	Senior	Boise State
Ron George	6-02	253	Senior	Holy Cross
Houston Hoover	6-03	267	Senior	Jackson State
Greg Hurd	6-03	270	Senior	Murray State
John Jackson	6-05	272	Senior	Eastern Kentucky
Jeff Mickel	6-06	282	Junior	Eastern Wash.
Eric Moore	6-02	320	Senior	Howard
Kenneth Munson	6-04	290	Senior	Texas Southern
Gerald Perry	6-05	304	Senior	Southern Univ.
Lee Rehman	6-03	276	Senior	Cornell
Greg Teeter	6-05	245	Senior	Idaho State

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Jeff Bealles	6-03	225	Senior	Northern Iowa
Anthony Downs	6-02	275	Senior	Appalachian State
Pat Foster	6-05	265	Senior	Montana
William Foye	6-00	240	Junior	Morgan State
Charlie Fredrick	6-02	240	Senior	Arkansas State
Richard Glover	6-03	268	Junior	Nicholls State
Aaron Jones	6-04	245	Senior	Eastern Kentucky
Paul Jones	6-02	270	Senior	Miss. Valley State
John Kropke	6-04	270	Senior	Illinois State
Pete Kwiatkowski	6-03	245	Senior	Boise State
Mike Lista	6-03	245	Senior	Pennsylvania
Andy Martin	6-03	234	Senior	Holy Cross
Tom Middaugh	6-04	260	Senior	North Texas State
Robert Presbury	6-02	252	Junior	Delaware State
Lybrant Robinson	6-05	220	Senior	Delaware State
Scott Thompson	6-05	270	Senior	The Citadel
Jeff Watts	6-04	240	Senior	Brown

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Darrell Booker	6-00	235	Senior	Delaware
Pat Brown	6-04	230	Junior	Richmond
Vincent Brown	6-02	240	Senior	Miss. Valley State
Horace Davis	6-01	208	Senior	Lafayette
Jeff Davis	6-05	235	Senior	Nevada-Reno
Allen Gilmour	6-02	225	Senior	Eastern Wash.
Ken Lang	6-02	220	Senior	Montana State
Andre Lloyd	6-02	248	Senior	Jackson State
Scott Lommori	6-02	220	Senior	Nevada-Reno
Greg Manusky	6-03	233	Senior	Colgate
John McKeown	6-00	229	Junior	Massachusetts
Rufus Porter	6-01	208	Senior	Southern Univ.
Kevin Rife	6-01	225	Senior	Lehigh
Todd Rundle	6-03	237	Junior	Massachusetts
Greg Schiano	6-00	225	Senior	Bucknell

DEFENSIVE BACKS

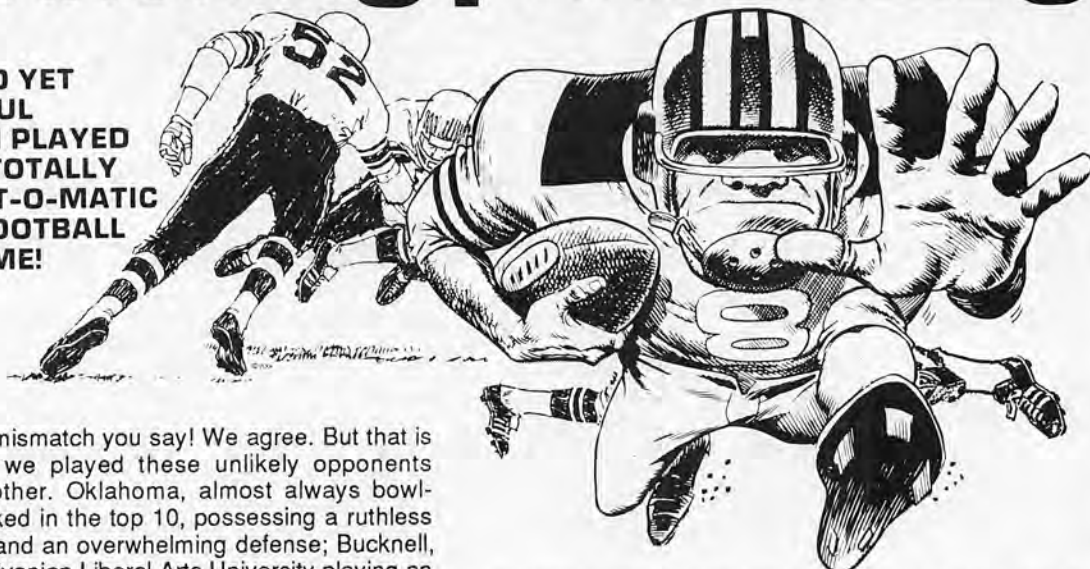
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Vernon Beard	5-10	190	Junior	Morgan State
Tony Breland	6-02	195	Senior	Montana
Dean Cain	6-00	180	Senior	Princeton
Walt Cataldo	5-11	180	Senior	Brown
Danny Copeland	6-02	208	Senior	Eastern Kentucky
Scott Daniels	6-00	200	Senior	Connecticut
Kevin Dent	6-03	195	Junior	Jackson State
Dwayne Harper	5-10	163	Senior	South Carolina St.
Rick Harris	6-00	180	Junior	East Tenn. State
A.J. Johnson	5-09	167	Junior	SW Texas State
Brian Jordan	6-01	195	Soph.	Richmond
Greg Lee	6-01	195	Senior	Arkansas State
Gordie Lockbaum	5-11	195	Senior	Holy Cross
Ken Lucas	5-09	174	Senior	Delaware
Dave MacPhee	5-11	193	Senior	Lafayette
Steve McKeel	6-00	190	Senior	Indiana State
Mike Raich	5-11	192	Senior	Cornell
Mike Rhone	6-00	190	Senior	North Texas State
Tollie Royal	6-00	216	Senior	Sam Houston State
Mark Seals	6-01	197	Junior	Boston University
Jeff Smith	6-00	180	Junior	Illinois State
Nay Young	5-09	185	Senior	Georgia Southern

KICKING SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Bart Bradley	6-00	192	Soph.	Sam Houston State
Tim Foley	5-10	215	Senior	Georgia Southern
Kirk Roach	6-03	210	Senior	Western Carolina
Scott Roper	6-01	190	Senior	Arkansas State
Matt Stover	5-11	160	Soph.	Louisiana Tech
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BACK TO THE

Holy Cross' Gordie Lockbaum Rekindles Memories of a Football Generation Past

By SCOTT PITONIAK

Gordie Lockbaum took the handoff, rolled right and launched a pass toward tight end Randy Pedro, who was wide open in the back of the end zone 15 yards away.

Pedro stands 6-foot-3, but even Manute Bol wouldn't have had a prayer bringing this rocket back to Earth.

"We're still wondering if they ever found that football," joked Holy Cross Coach Mark Duffner, recalling Lockbaum's incompletion last October against Brown. "I know this sounds strange, but I was kind of relieved when Gordie misfired on that pass. It took some of the pressure off him and reminded me and everyone else that this kid is human after all.

"Heck, if he had completed that pass, people would have started asking me if Gordie could leap tall buildings in a single bound."

Gordie Lockbaum might not be able to leap tall buildings or outrun speeding bullets, but he did do something last autumn that bordered on superhuman. He carried an entire generation of people back in time.

Back to the days of the single platoon, when a change in possession did not signal a change in personnel. Over the last two decades, two-way players have been about as common as drop-kick specialists. But the 5-11, 195-pound tailback/defensive back/throwback played both offense and defense for the Crusaders last year.

What makes the Lockbaum story even more compelling is that he didn't merely play several different positions. He mastered them, earning All-America recognition for both his offensive and defensive efforts. Not since Purdue's Leroy Keyes worked double shifts back in 1968 had a Division I player been so honored for his performances on both sides of the ball.

"There was concern when the experiment began that we would spread Gordie too thin and turn an excellent defensive back into a so-so defensive back and a so-so running back," Duffner said of his senior workhorse. "But that didn't happen. In fact, playing offense actually enhanced Gordie's defensive skills. We split him in half and came up with two great football players. Now I wish I could clone him."

Lockbaum twice was named ECAC defensive player of the week in 1986. In 11 games he made 46 tackles, recovered one

fumble, intercepted a pass, broke up two other would-be completions and recorded one quarterback sack.

But that's not even the half of it.

As a running back, he earned Colonial League offensive player of the week honors three times. He rushed for 827 yards on 144 carries (5.7 average), caught 57 passes for 860 yards, led Division I in touchdowns with 22 and recovered another fumble.

To keep from getting bored, Lockbaum also punted three times, returned 21 kickoffs for a 21.5-yard average and saw time on the kick coverage teams. Contrary to rumors circulating throughout the campus in Worcester, Mass., he did not also play right tuba in the Holy Cross marching band at halftime. But he gladly would have had Duffner asked him.

"As the season progressed, I was trying to be more selective in how we used him," Duffner said. "I remember there was this one game when we were giving him a rest, and I felt this tap on my shoulder. It was Gordie pleading with me to put him back in. I thought to myself, 'We've created a monster.'"

What Duffner unwittingly had created was a Heisman Trophy candidate and a football folk hero not unlike Doug Flutie and William (The Refrigerator) Perry.

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Working overtime on the football field is nothing new for Lockbaum. In fact, he has been a multipositional player since he was an 8-year-old flanker/tailback/defensive back/linebacker in the Glassboro, N.J., midget leagues.

"I always found it fun to try new positions," Lockbaum said. "No two positions are exactly alike. Each one has its own uniqueness, its own special challenges."

And challenges have always been his lifeblood.

"It didn't matter whether it was academics or athletics, Gordie always had this desire to be the best," said Bob Lockbaum, Gordie's father. "We are Catholic, and I remember that when it was time to line up for communion during Mass, Gordie would zip past people so he could be the first one in line and the first one back to the pew."

That drive to be the best was even more evident when Gordie attended Glassboro High School. Not surprisingly, Lockbaum was a three-sport star. As a 170-pound wrestler, he twice advanced to the New Jersey state championship tour-

namment, finishing fourth his senior year.

He was just as talented on the baseball diamond. He split time between second base and left field and earned All-South Jersey honors after hitting .438 his senior season.

But football always was his first love. He rushed for more than 3,000 yards in three seasons, attracting the attention of several major football schools. Syracuse wanted him as a defensive back. Rutgers saw his future at running back. Lockbaum was flattered by their interest, but he eventually decided to attend Holy Cross, a Division I-AA school, because of its academic reputation, its homey atmosphere and its coach, Rick Carter.

"There was something special about Coach Carter," Lockbaum recalled. "He commanded such respect. It didn't matter what the setting, when he spoke, people stopped and listened."

When Carter committed suicide on February 2, 1986, Lockbaum and everyone associated with Holy Cross football was devastated. The college provided counseling for the players and named Duffner, Carter's defensive coordinator for five seasons, as the new head coach.

"Coach Duffner handled the most difficult of situations beautifully," Lockbaum said. "He told us he didn't want us to forget Coach Carter. Instead, he asked us to remember all the positive ways in which Coach Carter had touched our lives. He kept the memory alive."

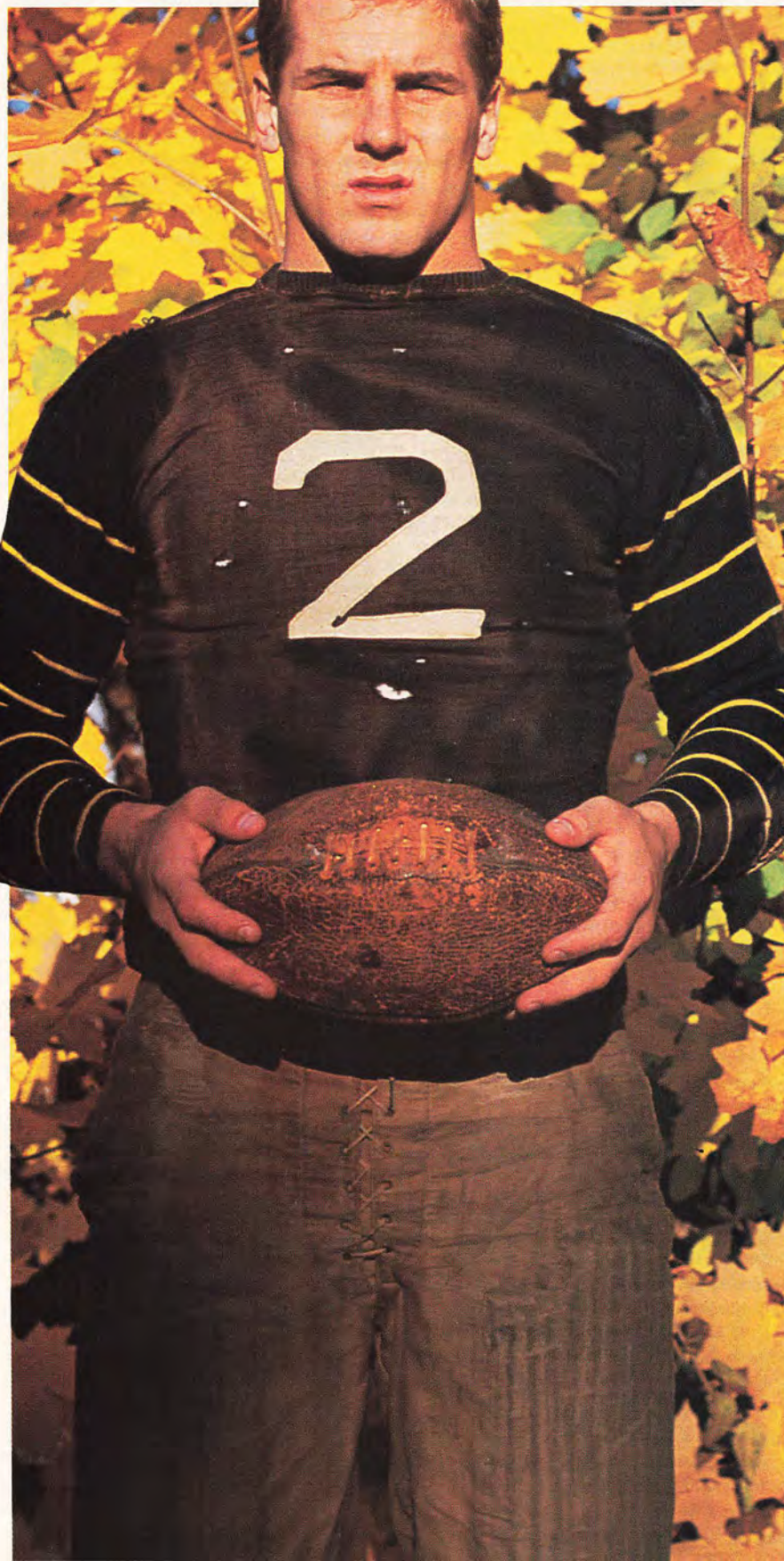
As spring practice approached in March 1986, Duffner was faced with a major personnel decision. Running back Gill Fenerty, called by some the greatest player in Holy Cross history, was graduating, and there weren't any experienced underclassmen to take his place.

Duffner had some talented freshmen coming in that fall, but he was leery of giving them a baptism under fire. It was then that he first thought of using Lockbaum as a running back. Duffner had recruited Lockbaum out of high school, so he was well aware of Gordie's offensive skills.

"I talked to him about it and emphasized that he would be used just as a buffer at running back in case our young guys didn't mature fast enough at the position,"

Gordie Lockbaum, the two-way football star at Holy Cross, as he might have looked 40 years ago.

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Duffner said.

Lockbaum was all for the move.

"I knew it would be demanding physically and mentally, but it intrigued me, especially the part about doing something that hadn't been done in two decades," he said.

The experiment officially began on the fourth day of spring practice. After watching Lockbaum rip off several long runs during a scrimmage, the Holy Cross offensive coaches told Duffner that they had found the man to replace Fenerty. But the defensive coaches, trying desperately to patch up a secondary depleted by injury and illness, weren't about to let their best all-around player go without a fight.

"I had created a positional tug of war, with me and Gordie in the middle," Duffner recalled. "Each side told me they needed him badly, but each side also told me there was no way Gordie could play both ways."

Throughout the summer, Duffner grappled with his dilemma. The more he thought about it, the more he was convinced that Lockbaum could play both ways.

"I think we all were understandably reluctant because none of us had ever coached a player who had done it before on the collegiate level," Duffner said. "But I thought, 'Should we not do it solely because it hasn't been done in a long, long time?' Our philosophy had always been to put the best 22 players on the field. In this case we would just go with our best 21."

So, Lockbaum started the season opener at two positions, participating in 105 plays as the Crusaders edged Lehigh, 17-14. As a defensive back he made five tackles, recovered one fumble and intercepted a pass to earn ECAC and Colonial League defensive player of the week honors. In his college debut as a running back he rushed six times for 29 yards and caught one pass for 20 yards. He also recovered a teammate's fumble and ran the ball in for a touchdown.

Despite the successful showing, there still were skeptics who wondered if Lockbaum, or any college player for that matter, could withstand the punishment of playing both ways.

"You are going to encounter doubters with anything you do," Lockbaum said. "I listened to my body instead of the doubters. In the beginning, Coach Duffner and I had to learn through trial and error the best way to utilize me. I would tell him when I needed to rest, when I wasn't feeling 100 percent. He and I had to learn when to pull back on the reins."

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Lockbaum's multiple responsibilities occasionally led to comedic confusion during practices.

"Usually things went smoothly," Duffner said, "but sometimes we'd get mixed up. I'd be calling for Gordie to come down here with the defense. And one of our assistants at the other end of the field would be calling for him to work with the offense. After all the running he got in during practice, games were a breeze."

If Lockbaum was fatigued, he did a masterful job of disguising it on Saturday afternoons. After his debut, he seemed to get stronger with each game, especially on offense.

In a 41-0 victory over Harvard in the third week of the season, Lockbaum rushed 13 times for 147 yards and two touchdowns and caught five passes for 83 yards and another score. That was followed two weeks later by a six-TD performance in a 48-7 rout of Dartmouth and a 10-reception, two-TD effort against Boston

Gordie Lockbaum has silenced skeptics who believed two-way football was a thing of the past.



College, which beat the Crusaders in their season finale, 56-26. It was the only Holy Cross loss all season.

One of Lockbaum's most remarkable showings came in a 17-14 upset of Army in the sixth week. That afternoon, Lockbaum participated in an incredible 143 plays. Defensively, he made 19 unassisted tackles, assisted on three others and broke up a pass during the Cadets' final drive. Offensively, he caught four passes for 73 yards and rushed 11 times for 40 yards.

That iron man act thrust Lockbaum into the national limelight and convinced many that he deserved serious consideration for the Heisman.

The Crusaders' phenom finished the season as Division I-AA's leading scorer and No. 3 all-purpose runner. But Lockbaum's most mind-boggling statistic was his number of plays. He was on the field for 1,005 of Holy Cross' 1,599 plays, or just under 63 percent. By comparison, starting Crusader quarterback Jeff Wiley took part in just under 40 percent of his team's snaps.

Despite the heavy workload, Lockbaum made it through the season without suffering any of the nervous breakdowns or broken bones that some had forecast for him.

"Actually, I was less beat up and tired this year than I was in 1985 when I was playing only one position," he said. "This season I felt really good. I came out of it a lot more healthy. Of course, part of that is due to luck."

Part of it also is attributable to the rigorous off-season training program Lockbaum followed the previous summer. He didn't own a car, so he ran or rode a bicycle everywhere he went. He supplemented that with swimming—he worked as a lifeguard at a camp in southern New Jersey—and plenty of weight lifting.

Little wonder no one blinked an eye when Lockbaum finished first in the team's annual mile run at the start of fall practice.

"The kid is truly an amazing athlete," Duffner said. "Sort of a triathlete in shoulder pads."

Lockbaum also handled the mental strain without problems.

"That's the thing that worried me the most when he told me he was going to be playing both ways," Bob Lockbaum said. "I said, 'Gordie, are you sure this isn't going to affect your studies?'"

It affected Gordie's studies all right—for the better. Again displaying incredible versatility, Lockbaum successfully juggled his increased football responsibilities, the media barrage and a demanding course load that included a class in Russian drama to finish with his best grade-point average yet (3.5).

Duffner doesn't believe Lockbaum's success on the field will reverse the trend of two-platoon football that began in 1965 with the institution of the unlimited substitution rule. But he does believe it has opened some eyes.

"I think you may see other teams try it," Duffner said. "But you can't just do it



Holy Cross Coach Mark Duffner struggled with the decision of whether to let his star buck football's establishment.

with anyone. It takes a rare combination—a great athlete with great intelligence. A guy like Gordie."

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After finishing fifth to winner Vinny Testaverde in last year's Heisman Trophy voting—the highest finish ever for a player from a I-AA school—Lockbaum enters his senior season as one of the leading contenders for the 1987 award. He doesn't try to hide his Heisman aspirations, but don't get the idea that he is some prima donna obsessed with individual goals.

"He is the consummate team player," Duffner said. "That, after all, is why he agreed to play two positions in the first place. That was the ultimate in team sacrifice. He put the team ahead of himself."

Which is what Lockbaum has always done.

"Let's face it, if we had gone 1-10 last year instead of 10-1, people might have

done stories on the fact that I was going both ways, but I doubt any of the voters would have considered me as a serious Heisman candidate," Lockbaum said. "The good thing about the publicity I received last year was that it called attention to the Holy Cross program and the great things Coach Duffner and my teammates had done."

That humble attitude is one of the traits Lockbaum's teammates admire most about him.

"Gordie never changed throughout the year," Wiley said. "He never got a big head about it. He just stayed the same, old Gordo. Anyway, if he had gotten a big head, we would have found a way to bring him back to Earth."

They could have reminded Lockbaum about his 0-for-2 passing record; the other pass he threw reportedly had the hang time of a Ray Guy punt. Or they could have needled him about not being the most famous member of his own family.

"That honor," joked Gregg Burke, the Holy Cross sports information director, "belongs to his younger sister."

Ruth Lockbaum, now a highly successful distance runner at Villanova, attracted national publicity two summers ago when guest speaker President Reagan gave her a peck on the cheek during Glassboro High School commencement ceremonies.

"I'd settle for a handshake from the President," Gordie quipped.

He might just get one if he wins college football's most coveted award this December.

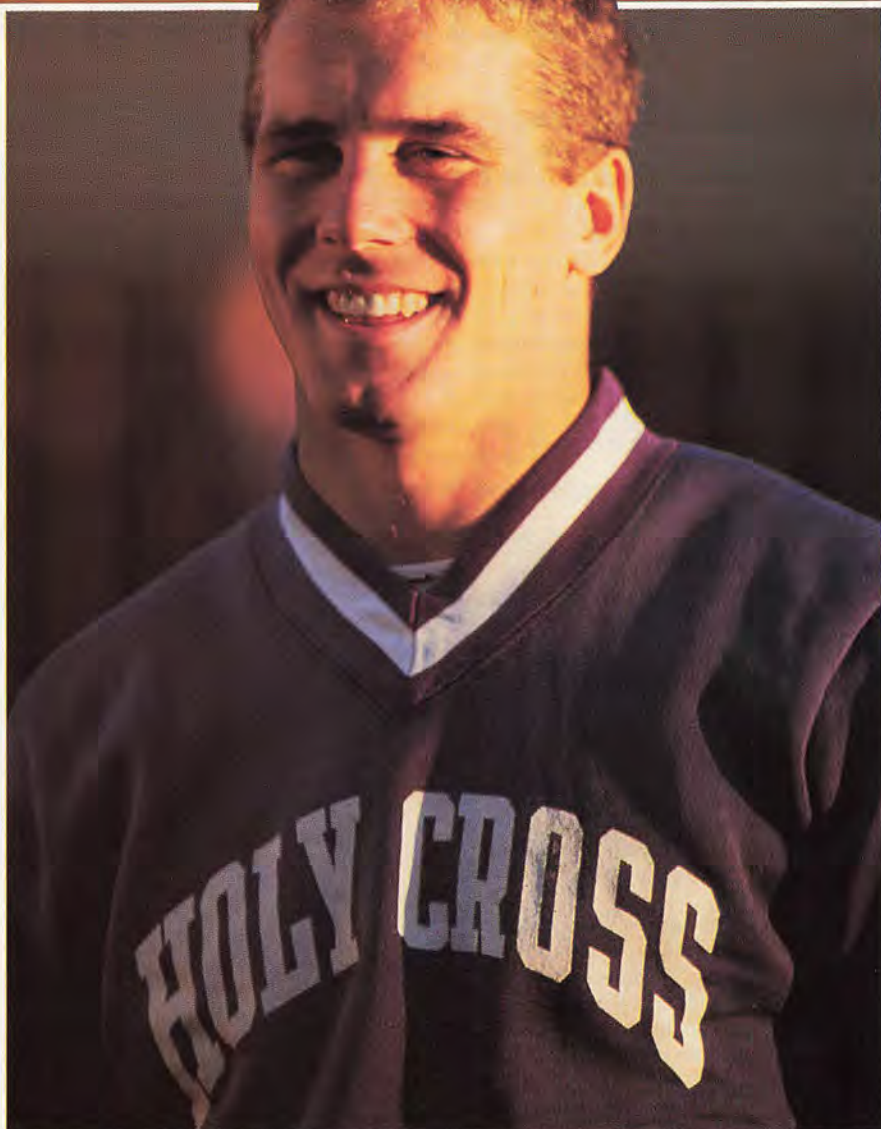
While Lockbaum undoubtedly is among the favorites to win the trophy, he is far from being a lock. In fact, some Heisman voters refuse to include him on their ballots. They belittle his accomplishments by emphasizing that they have come against Division I-AA competition, a step below the big time.

But as Burke pointed out, two of Lockbaum's best showings last season came against respectable Division I-A teams, Army and Boston College. In the latter game, Lockbaum caught 10 passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns, rushed for 22 yards on three carries, returned seven kickoffs for 107 yards, caused a fumble and downed a punt at the Eagles' one-yard line. On that last play he dived toward the goal line, tipped the ball back over his shoulder and downed it himself when the ball lodged in the mud.

"Gordie is a great athlete," Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell said. "I never knew how great he was until I saw him do what he did in the mud against us."

Burke said Holy Cross is pushing Lockbaum as a Heisman candidate, but it will be a low-key, low-budget campaign. In other words, there probably won't be any life-size posters, cereal boxes or record albums singing the praises of Touchdown Gordie. Just some slogans, such as, "Gordie Lockbaum: TWO good reasons to follow Holy Cross football."

"We'll send out weekly updates and emphasize two things—Gordie's number of plays and his career grade-point aver-



Gordie Lockbaum, a throwback to another generation of football, has emerged as a serious Heisman Trophy candidate after displaying his versatile football talents for Holy Cross.

age," Burke said. "We feel he is the type of student-athlete who epitomizes the qualities a Heisman Trophy winner should have."

The fact that Lockbaum is a back of all trades in this era of specialization will only enhance his Heisman chances. Uniqueness sells. It was part of the charm that helped transform a 5-9 quarterback (Flutie) and a 330-pound noseguard (Perry) into national heroes in recent years.

And the good news, as far as Holy Cross followers are concerned, is that Duffner plans to continue to use Lockbaum both ways this fall despite now having several experienced running backs.

"It all comes down to the fact that we still are a better football team with Gordie at running back and Gordie at defensive back," Duffner said. "Besides, I believe in the old saying that if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Duffner's decision to maintain the status quo has spared Lockbaum from having to make a difficult choice.

"I'm glad Coach feels the way he does because, quite honestly, I wouldn't know which position to pick if I were forced to decide," he said.

There are, however, a couple of positions that Lockbaum would prefer to avoid. Despite possessing a powerful and normally accurate arm, he has no desire to play quarterback. Kicking, too, ranks low on his wish list.

"Jeff's a really good quarterback with a great arm," he said. "There's no way I could top what he's done. And my kicking leaves an awful lot to be desired. My field-goal range is about 15 yards."

Of course, in an emergency, Lockbaum would gladly fill in anywhere. And knowing him, he would find some way to get the job done, even if it meant kicking a 45-yard field goal or throwing a 15-yard touchdown pass as time expired.

"With Gordie," Duffner said, "you always believe that the impossible is possible." ■

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Pure Offensive Magic

Hodson and Davis Perform Aerial Act For LSU Fans

By GEORGE MORRIS

The 1985 summer sun was radiating off the artificial turf infield of Louisiana State's track stadium, and Wendell Davis' assignment for the day was to meet an incoming freshman quarterback, Tom Hodson.

Talk about your favorable first impressions.

After exchanging pleasantries, Davis, then a sophomore wide receiver, and Hodson agreed on a pass pattern and got down to business. Davis sprinted downfield and made his cut, and the ball was there. Right there.

He ran another. Right there again. Another. Bingo. And so it continued. Davis couldn't help but love an introduction that warmed his palms with more than just a handshake.

"He really surprised me," said Davis, who had expected at least a little difficulty with timing. "He really threw the ball well."

Hodson was harder to convince. He would spend that year as a redshirt and half the next as the Tigers' starting quarterback before realizing what LSU coaches and teammates were telling him was true: Davis is no ordinary college receiver.

"I had to see it for myself," Hodson said. "I didn't believe people."

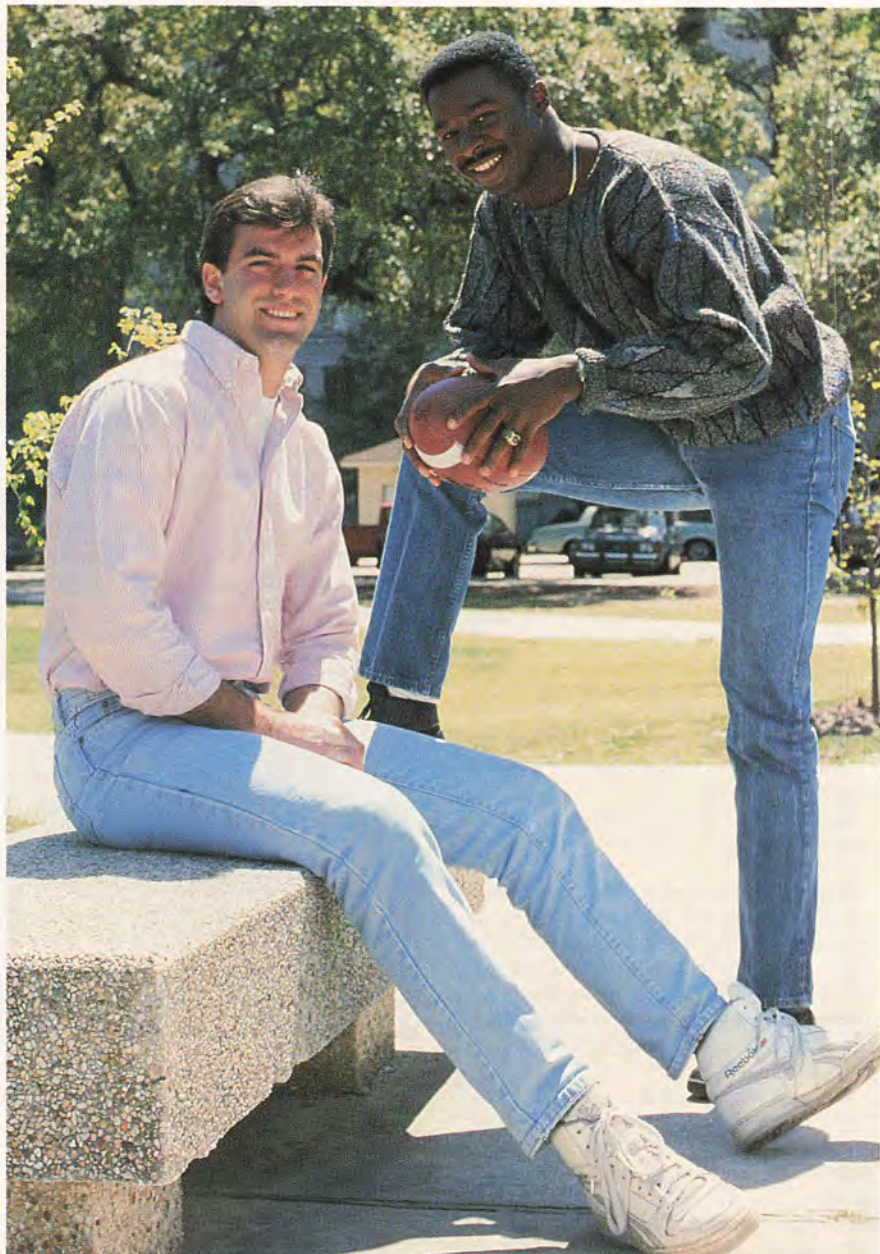
Seeing is believing. The combination of Hodson and Davis was pure offensive magic in 1986. LSU, in fact, had never seen anything like it.

Hodson, the first LSU freshman ever to open a season as starting quarterback, completed 175 of 288 passes for 2,261 yards and a school-record 19 touchdowns. He was intercepted only eight times. His passing efficiency rating was the highest in the Southeastern Conference and the highest of any freshman in the nation. Not surprisingly, he was named to the All-SEC team and was tabbed the league's Freshman of the Year.

Davis, meanwhile, obliterated school receiving records, catching 80 passes for 1,244 yards and 11 touchdowns. That's 28 more catches than a record set in 1983, when a 4-7 team desperately tried to catch up in losing causes; this team went 9-2 and won the SEC championship.

Only one other Division I-A player, Long Beach State fullback Mark Templeton, caught more passes in 1986, but his 99 receptions netted 556 fewer yards. Davis, who was named to several All-America teams, became the first LSU player ever to lead the SEC in receiving.

That two players in their first season



When Wendell Davis (right) and Tom Hodson combined their football talents in 1986, Louisiana State fans got more than they had bargained for.

together could mesh so well is one thing. That they could do so with ordinary physical skills on a team that generally would rather run the ball is even more impressive. Hodson has only average arm strength and does not scramble, while Davis has neither blazing speed nor exceptional leaping ability.

"Tommy just has that knack of knowing where I'm going to cut," Davis said. "It's like we're thinking the same thing."

Said Hodson: "I know how he's going to get to the hole and he knows how I'm going to throw it."

But how?

Davis, who has heard that question many times, laughed.

"People ask if we sleep together," he said.

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Sleep, it turns out, was far down the list of Hodson's priorities while growing up. Football wasn't at the top, either. Basketball was.

"My mom didn't make me take a nap in kindergarten," Hodson recalled of his days as a youngster in tiny Mathews, La., in the heart of Cajun country. "She made all the other kids take a nap, but she never made me because I'd go out and play basketball."

Almost all of his free time was spent shooting baskets. Hodson's father, Ray, was the coach at the area junior high

school, which meant that young Tommy could play the sport rain or shine, summer or winter. He was a gym rat in an area where no such animals exist, where hunting and fishing are the avocations on which children are weaned.

Hodson does neither. Asked by LSU sports publicists to list his hobbies, Hodson wrote: "Only time for sports."

"Even when he was 3 or 4, he'd dribble a volleyball like a basketball," Ray Hodson said. "It was obvious he had some special skills at that time in basketball."

Young Tommy got plenty of encouragement from his father, who had played basketball at Nicholls State, which is just 20 miles from Mathews. Except for the eldest girl, all seven Hodson children play the sport.

"Athletics was our family," said Tom, who averaged 27.4 points per game as a high school senior. "Basketball was our family."

Football, however, was something in which Hodson also excelled at Central Lafourche High School, where he completed 210 of 363 passes for 3,006 yards and 28 touchdowns as a senior, good enough for Bally and Adidas All-America honors. That success, plus a visit to a summer basketball all-star camp in Kentucky, made his decision on which sport to pursue easier.

"I went up there and saw all the 6-2, white point guards they had," Hodson said. "I made up my mind to play football in basketball camp."

A freak accident almost made the choice a tragic one.

Because basketball had always been his first love, the 6-foot-3, 181-pound Hodson had never lifted weights. His inexperience showed. Working out in his first year at LSU, Hodson banged his right elbow on a weight machine, smacking his funny bone.

This was no laughing matter. Hodson had bruised the ulnar nerve, and even after the pain and swelling subsided he couldn't throw a football without the ring and little fingers of his right hand going numb.

When the elbow didn't heal after several weeks, surgery was performed to move the nerve from the outside of the elbow to the inside, where it would be more protected. That brought relief, but Hodson still couldn't throw a football right away. Seven months passed before Hodson could pass again.

After the 1985 season, in which Hodson was redshirted, the job of starting quarterback was left wide open. Three-year starter and LSU career passing leader Jeff Wickersham had graduated, and there were no experienced backups on hand. Hodson won the job, and seventh-ranked Texas A&M, 79,713 Tiger Stadium fans and an ESPN television audience watched his coming-out party.

Hodson's biggest problem at this point wasn't his nerve. It was his nerves. He threw the first three passes of his college career the way police fire warning shots—well over the intended targets. When Hodson returned to the sideline, LSU of-



LSU receiver Wendell Davis has parlayed average speed and leaping ability into All-America-type numbers.

fensive coordinator Ed Zaunbrecher was less concerned about the freshman's arm than his eyes.

"I would have been concerned if he didn't know what was going on, if he'd had the blank stare," Zaunbrecher said. "But he didn't. He said, 'Don't worry, Coach, I'm fine.'"

Indeed he was. Hodson completed his next seven passes and 15 of his next 18 for 193 yards, two touchdowns and a 35-17 upset victory. He was named the Southeast's top offensive player of the week by United Press International, an award he would duplicate two games later in a 28-17 triumph over Florida.

No such honors accompanied Hodson's trip to Kentucky two weeks later, although a Purple Heart might have been appropriate.

After throwing an incomplete pass to Davis on LSU's first possession of the game, Hodson was smacked in the chin by the helmet of Kentucky defensive end Carwell Gardner. Hodson left the field on his feet but didn't stay that way long. The blow had given him a mild concussion and caused him to bite through his tongue. Hodson was taken to the dressing room, where five stitches closed the cut and time somewhat cleared the cobwebs. He later would have trouble recalling details of that evening.

A more comical problem accompanied

Hodson's return to action late in the first half. A painful tongue made it difficult for him to speak.

"He was talking like Elmer Fudd," Davis said. "We had to settle him down a couple of times and ask him to say it again."

Hodson obviously got his signals across. He moved the Tigers 51 yards in six plays, finishing with a 10-yard touchdown pass, to reduce the Wildcats' lead to 7-6 with 1:11 left in the first half. After LSU regained possession of the ball, he hit Davis for completions of 21 and 17 yards to set up a go-ahead TD with just 11 seconds left. Hodson's eight-yard TD pass in the third quarter gave the Tigers an 18-13 lead, and they held on to win, 25-16.

"That's the kind of passer I am," Hodson said. "People might criticize me for not scrambling, but my game is staying in the pocket until the very last split second and releasing the ball, and I've taken a lot of hits. In high school, people didn't think I took a lot of hits because I was a real skinny quarterback. I still am now. But I've always gotten up from every hit except when I broke my collarbone in my sophomore year (of high school).

"It has to do with being calm. I'm usually pretty calm in everything that I do."

Whatever uneasiness remained about a freshman at the LSU helm was gone, too.

"I think that's where he got everybody's respect," center Nacho Albergamo said. "We weren't expecting him to come back like he did. He came back and won the game for us. We were kind of stalling on offense, and just him coming back kind of lifted us up."

"Everybody had said: 'You'd better keep guys off of him because he's kind of frail. If anybody gives him a nice shot, he's going to go down.' But after that, we knew he's just as tough as anybody else."

Said Davis: "I know I really thought he was big-league."

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How big-league does Davis consider himself? Big enough to be angry when friends and writers in his hometown of Shreveport, La., suggested he wasn't good enough to play major-college football, but not so big that he minds having people mispronounce his name.

For the record, Davis' first name is pronounced WEN-dell, with the accent on the first syllable.

"People start out calling me WEN-dell," Davis said. "It seems they get tired of saying Wendell and start with Wen-DELL. They never stick to Wendell."

Sort of like cornerbacks. Sticking to Wendell is easier said than done.

"He does something you can't teach," Hodson said. "He has this unique ability to get open. He's really worked hard on how to run his routes, but he has some instinct on where to stop and where to break down... when to slow down, when to speed up."

Those innate skills were about all Davis brought with him to LSU because good hands and route-running technique weren't included in the package. What abilities he did have had been developed



LSU quarterback Tom Hodson has only an average arm, but more than compensates with his keen football sense.

in sandlot games that pitted one inner-city neighborhood against another.

"We took it seriously," Davis said. "It was war, like LSU against Florida. Fights would start up. We really tried to hurt each other."

Davis emerged from those contests to become a wide receiver at Fair Park High School. Despite a solid senior season in which he caught 22 passes for more than 700 yards, Davis drew little attention from big-time recruiters. Except for LSU, only Division I-AA colleges sought his services.

"I didn't really like that," Davis said. "I took it upon myself that if I got an offer to any big-name school, I decided to take that challenge on."

What the 6-foot, 183-pound Davis lacked in polish he compensated for with an eagerness to learn. He studied his patterns and worked on his techniques diligently.

That took time, perhaps more than LSU coaches expected. Davis saw action as a freshman in 1984—enough to earn a letter—but never caught a pass.

"That was my mistake," said LSU receivers coach Jerry Sullivan, who could have retained another year of eligibility for Davis had he redshirted the freshman.

Davis, who had 31 receptions for 471 yards as a sophomore prelude to his 1986 heroics, has a way of making up for lost time. Credit for that, he said, goes to his father, William, whose insistence that Wendell perform household chores at times conflicted with his athletic plans.

"The man, no matter how well I was doing in athletics, wouldn't hesitate to snatch me off what I was doing," Davis said. "He would do a lot of odd jobs around the community, and I would start helping

him. Then he would ask me to do something, and I'd say I'd help him, but I wouldn't come home from school. I'd stay there and play basketball or something like that. He'd take me off everything. That really made me work hard for what I wanted."

How often did this take place before the younger Davis got the message?

"Not too often," William said.

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LSU Coach Mike Archer, who was an assistant coach at Miami (Fla.) when the Hurricanes won the 1983 national championship, likens Hodson and Davis to Miami's Bernie Kosar-Eddie Brown combo, even though their skills are quite different.

"Wendell does not have the foot speed or the overall athletic ability, but somehow, somehow, he's going to find a seam or he's going to beat the man coverage and get open," Archer said. "And Tommy has the confidence that he's going to come open and that he's going to be able to find him."

It was in that Kentucky game that Davis knew Hodson had come to the same conclusion.

"When he came back in and called the play, he looked at me and said, 'Get open,'" Davis recalled.

Against a Kentucky defense that had double coverage on the outside receivers, Davis ran two consecutive identical patterns to the right sideline.

"Supposedly, they were playing right into our hands," Wildcats cornerback Ron Mack said.

Twice, Davis sprinted downfield and made his cut. Twice, the ball was there.

Right there. ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

By DENNIS TUTTLE

Auburn Coach Pat Dye likes to talk about Lawyer Tillman's heart, inner strength and good-guy image.

Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors marvels at Tillman's speed, agility and remarkable athletic ability.

And Vince Dooley expresses cosmic sentiments about Tillman. "He's from another planet," the Georgia coach said, "because every so often some player comes along like Lawyer Tillman and he belongs somewhere else. This guy shouldn't be from this planet."

If you haven't heard of Auburn's versatile wide receiver, chances are you will this year. Quietly, as Tillman prefers, he led the receiving-rich Southeastern Conference with a 20.8 yards-per-catch average in 1986 while grabbing 35 passes for 730 yards and six touchdowns.

Already professional scouts are comparing Tillman to Cleveland Browns tight end Ozzie Newsome, the former Alabama All-America. If Tillman's size (6-foot-4, 220 pounds), speed (4.55 seconds in the 40-yard dash) and makeup—"I noticed him just in warmups," Majors said—doesn't grab your attention, then his propensity for the daring and dramatic play will.

Tillman, best known for his acrobatic, finger-tip catches, displayed his dramatic flair last season when he scored the winning touchdown against arch-rival Alabama on a busted play. Dye had called for a reverse to receiver Scott Bolton, not realizing that Bolton wasn't in the game. Tillman had never run the play.

The junior from Mobile, Ala., tried to call a timeout, but failed. With no other alternative, Tillman took the pitch and rushed in from seven yards. It was the first rushing attempt of his career.

"He may be unknown as far as the general public is concerned, but as far as the professional people are concerned, he's very well known," Auburn quarterbacks coach Pat Sullivan said.

"Another aspect about him is he's a tremendous blocker. When he's blocking on cornerbacks he has a big physical advantage. Plus, he makes all the catches and he makes them across the middle using his deceptive speed to get behind the defense. Or he can use his awesome size for a wide receiver to shield himself from the defense and give the quarterback a heck of a target."

Over the last two years, Tillman has been well camouflaged in Auburn's vast pool of talent. But it will be hard to keep him hidden in 1987. The Tigers will be looking for offensive help with the departures of All-America center Ben Tam-burello, All-America tailback Brent Fullwood, who rushed for 1,391 yards and 10 touchdowns, and fullback Tommie Agee.

"If we're going to be a great offensive football team," Dye said, "we have to get better throwing the ball—all phases of the

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Ohio State

Earle Bruce finally silences the critics and his Buckeyes may win one for Woody. Ohio State fields a potentially overpowering team. Linebackers Chris Spielman and Eric Kumerow, perhaps the finest pair in the country, and a deep, talented secondary form a defense proficient at keeping opponents out of the end zone. Offensively, split end Cris Carter and a stable of young running backs provide excellent balance.

*Quarterback
Tom Tupa*

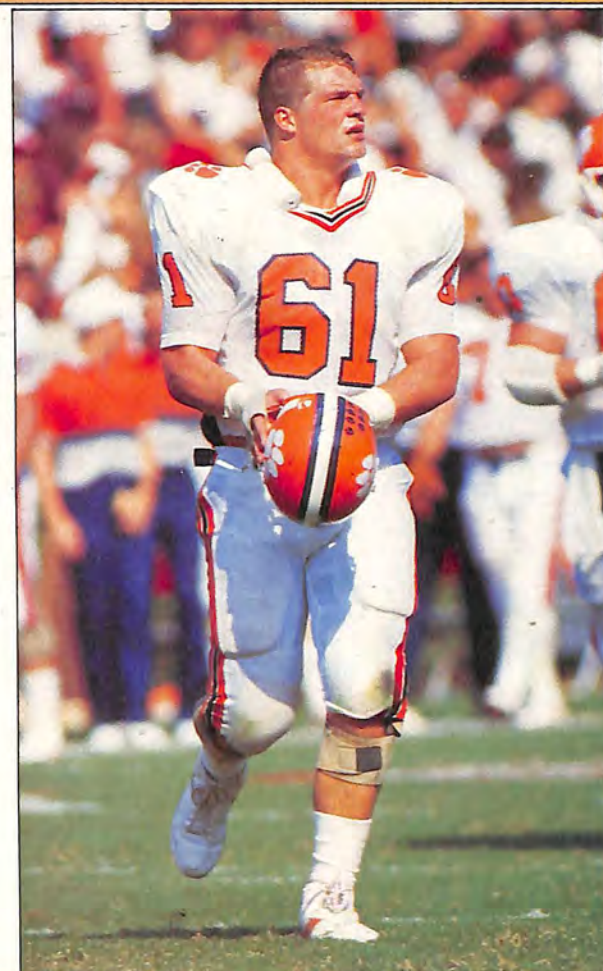


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Clemson

Three points weigh heavily in the Tigers' favor for their run at a national crown: (1) exceptional returning personnel, (2) a top-notch coaching staff, and (3) a highly favorable schedule (eight home games). Clemson bills itself as "The Home of the Nation's Best Linemen," and that statement isn't far from the truth. Offensive guard John Phillips and defensive tackle Michael Dean Perry patrol the trenches. Danny Ford's defense, tops in the ACC, must dominate early in the season, giving some inexperienced skill position players a chance to jell.

*Offensive guard
John Phillips*



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Oklahoma

It's business as usual in Norman as Barry Switzer has his Sooners primed to contend for their second national championship in three years. The defense, stocked with talent the likes of defensive end Darrell Reed and linebacker Dante Jones, is capable of dominating most opponents—even without the Boz. And the wishbone offense, featuring quarterback Jamelle Holieway, tight end Keith Jackson and a line that ranks second to none, is possibly Switzer's most potent of the decade.

*Offensive guard
Anthony Phillips*



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Nebraska

Defensive end Broderick Thomas declared before the Sugar Bowl in January that the Cornhuskers were embarking on "Hell Raisin' Tour '87," with their final destination being the 1988 Orange Bowl. Well, the 'Huskers destroyed LSU in the Sugar Bowl, and they possess the talent necessary to complete their mission. Thomas anchors a rugged defense anxious to prove its press clippings are for real. A consistent performance by quarterback Steve Taylor and the annual showdown with Oklahoma are all that stand between Nebraska and a national title.

*Quarterback
Steve Taylor*

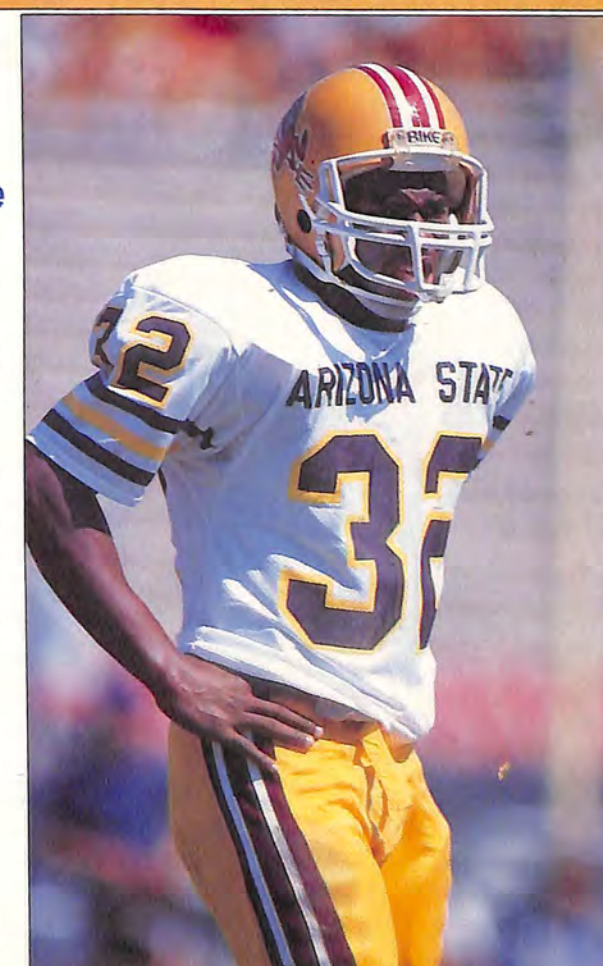


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Arizona State

Sun Devil fans are thankful Missouri opted to pass on John Cooper back in 1985. Since then he has taken the Sun Devils bowling twice, including a Pac-10 title and a victory over Michigan in the 1987 Rose Bowl. Assuming Cooper can adequately replace quarterback Jeff Van Raaphorst, the Sun Devils are favored to defend their Pac-10 crown and contend for a national title. The running game, featuring the 1-2 punch of fullback Channing Williams and tailback Darryl Harris, rates among the best in the country, even though the horses up front lack experience.

*Cornerback
Anthony Parker*



6

Louisiana State

Despite the departure of Bill Arnsparger, the Fighting Tigers are young, hungry and setting their sights on No. 1. Mike Archer possesses one of the most explosive offensive arsenals in the country, with quarterback Tom Hodson, split end Wendell Davis and tailback Harvey Williams being the primary weapons. Williams is a future Heisman Trophy candidate who may enter the race earlier than expected if his linemen decide to contribute heavily to the campaign.

Center
Nacho Albergamo



8

Michigan

Armed with the finest offensive personnel in the Big Ten, Bo Schembechler enters 1987 with another potential powerhouse. Tiny but tough Jamie Morris, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate, runs behind a massive line anchored by tackles John Elliott and Mike Husar. Flankers John Kolesar and Greg McMurtry are the Wolverines' fleetest set ever. Defensively, tackle Mark Messner and linebacker Andree McIntyre head a unit capable of matching the stingy "Search and Destroy" squad of 1985.

Flanker
Greg McMurtry



10

Auburn

War Eagle fans will soon be dreaming up nicknames for what is possibly the most fearsome defensive line in the country. Tackles Tracy Rocker, Ron Stallworth and Nate Hill and nose-guard Benji Roland all have NFL scouts drooling. Linebacker Kurt Crain provides leadership and run support. Pat Dye has created an offense capable of lighting up any scoreboard. Wide receivers Lawyer Tillman and Freddy Weygand supply Auburn with its best aerial attack since the days of Pat Sullivan.

Quarterback
Jeff Burger

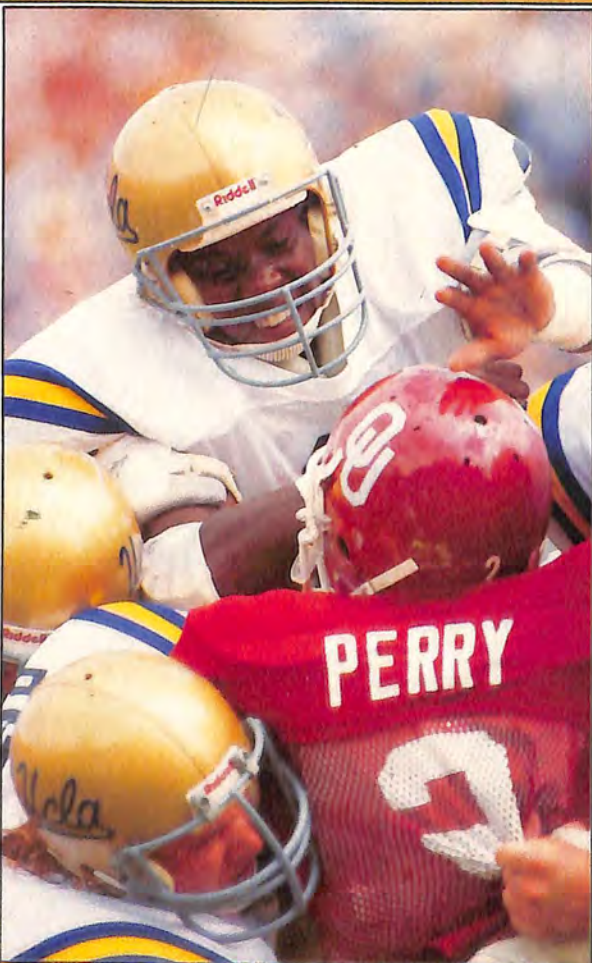


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UCLA

On paper, the Bruins are possibly the most gifted team in the country. Such talents as tailback Gaston Green, a Heisman Trophy candidate, and linebackers Eric Smith and Ken Norton are why UCLA is contesting for its fourth Pac-10 title in six years. An excellent recruiting effort and the addition of quarterback Troy Aikman, a transfer from Oklahoma, and two Southern Methodist cast-offs (offensive tackle David Richards and linebacker Ben Hummel) supply Terry Donahue with enormous depth.

Free safety
James Washington



9

Florida State

Seminole fans held their collective breath last winter as Bobby Bowden pondered an offer from Alabama. When the Crimson Tide opted for Bill Curry, the sigh of relief was heard in Portland. So Bowden returns, along with 43 of his top 50 players from a year ago. The defense features cornerback Deion Sanders and linebacker Paul McGowan, both regarded among the best at their respective positions. The offense has speed to burn in tailback Sammie Smith and talent at the skill positions that runs three deep without a drop in quality.

Quarterback
Chip Ferguson

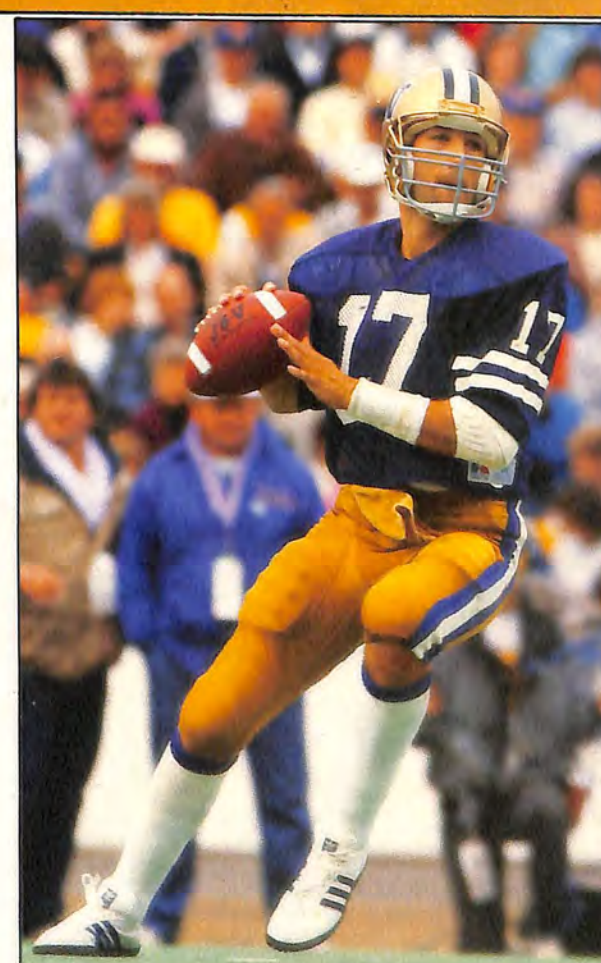


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Washington

Personnel-wise, the Huskies rank among the elite teams in the country. The only question is whether or not Don James will utilize this talent to the fullest. Quarterback Chris Chandler is a steady performer, but he must raise the level of his game a notch for the Huskies to crack the Top 10. Offensive guard Mike Zandofsky anchors a line capable of opening plenty of holes for a stable of young running backs. Defensively, Washington's strength lies at linebacker, with David Rill, Bo Yates and Tom Erlandson returning.

Quarterback
Chris Chandler



12

Arkansas

Which Razorbacks will suit up in 1987? The team that compiled a respectable 9-2 mark during the 1986 regular season, or the one that Oklahoma ransacked in the Orange Bowl? Ken Hatfield has assembled another highly skilled, disciplined squad that is capable of dominating the SWC. The defense returns nine starters, including noseguard Tony Cherico, linebacker Rick-ey Williams and safety Steve Atwater. Offensively, the Razorbacks rely on quarterback Greg Thomas as well as several highly touted (yet untested) skill position players.

*Quarterback
Greg Thomas*

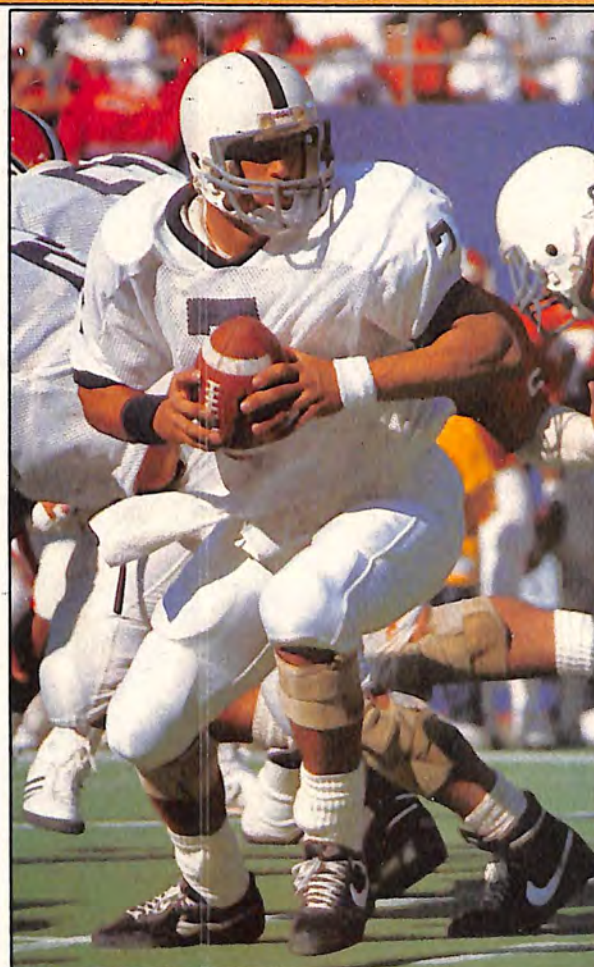


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Penn State

A repeat performance by the defending national champions is highly unlikely because of the loss of 15 starters. That would cripple most teams for a season or two, but Joe Paterno has recruited enough reinforcements to remain in the upper echelon. Penn State once again depends on a gritty defense led by tough-as-leather linebackers Pete Giftpoulos and Trey Bauer. An inexperienced offense revolves around tailback Blair Thomas and flanker Michael Timpson.

*Quarterback
Matt Knizner*



16

Notre Dame

Don't be deceived by last year's 5-6 record, which included losses to Penn State, Alabama and Michigan. Thanks to Lou Holtz, master rehabber, the Fighting Irish are close to reclaiming their spot among the country's elite teams. Notre Dame's offense revolves around flanker Tim Brown, considered to be the country's premier all-purpose player and the top returning Heisman Trophy candidate. Finding a capable replacement for quarterback Steve Beuerlein is No. 1 on Holtz's priority list.

*Fullback
Braxton Banks*



13

Iowa

The Hawkeyes aren't regarded as the Big Ten's team to beat in 1987; that honor belongs to Ohio State. But don't ever count out Iowa. Hayden Fry, college football's favorite psychologist, always has a few tricks up his sleeve. Fry has assembled another competitive squad that will make a legitimate run for the Roses. Offensively, Fry will rely on running back Rick Bayless and fullback David Hudson until settling on one of two quarterbacks, Tom Poholsky or Dan McGwire. Noseguard Dave Haight and linebacker Brad Quast head a heavy-hitting defense.

*Running back
Rick Bayless*



15

Miami (Fla.)

Vinny Testaverde has bid adieu, as have Alonzo Highsmith and Jerome Brown, but Jimmy Johnson need not worry. The Hurricanes' cupboard is far from bare. Eight starters return from an intimidating defense that was instrumental in Miami's dominance last season, yet overshadowed by Testaverde & Co. End Daniel Stubbs and free safety Bennie Blades rate among the best in the country at their respective positions. Wideout Mike Irvin heads a first-rate receiving corps.

*Defensive tackle
Dan Sileo*

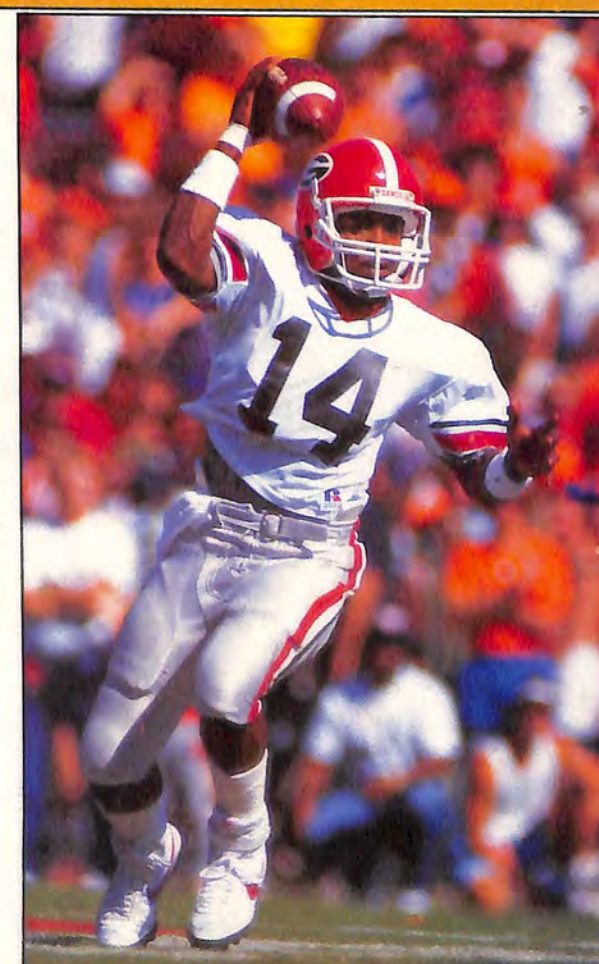


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Georgia

Vince Dooley is adding a passing game to the Bulldogs' playbook to complement tailback Lars Tate, but don't dub the offense "Air Dooley" just yet. The development of quarterback James Jackson will dictate to what degree Dooley can expand the offense and whether or not the Dawgs can regain their lofty level of the early 1980s. Linebacker John Brantley heads a young but vastly improved defense from a year ago.

*Quarterback
James Jackson*



18

Southern California

Keep an eye on the Trojans, whose Top 20 rating was bestowed on the basis of tradition, not production. Several questions need answering before the Men of Troy, Rose Bowl-bound just twice in the 1980s, can realistically contemplate a return to Pac-10 prominence. Can Larry Smith, taking over for Ted Tollner after seven years at Arizona, convert what appears to be a quality team on paper into a quality team on the field? Will Ryan Knight or Aaron Emanuel finally emerge as the next legendary yard tailback?

Linebacker
Marcus Cotton

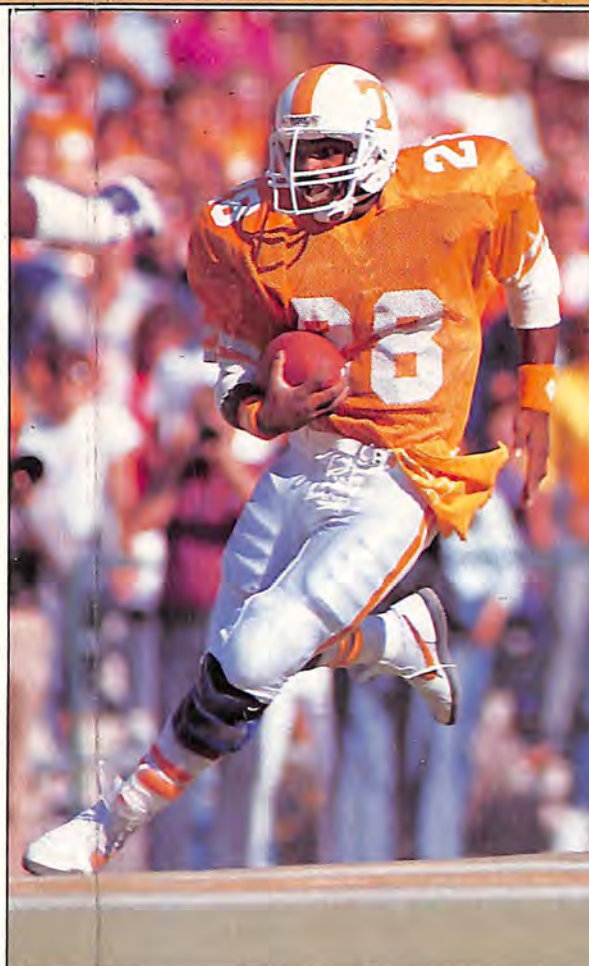


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Tennessee

With proven performers back on offense and defense, the Volunteers enter 1987 overly optimistic about their chances of regaining the SEC crown. Tennessee opens its season against Iowa in the Kickoff Classic, providing an immediate indication as to whether the Vols will be pretenders or contenders. Quarterback Jeff Francis, who guided the team to five consecutive wins at the end of the 1986 campaign, returns to direct a big-play offense. Linebacker Kelly Ziegler stabilizes a defense that may be the finest in Johnny Majors' 10 seasons in Knoxville.

Tailback
Keith Davis



20

Pittsburgh

Seeking to make amends for a disappointing 5-5-1 season in 1986, the Panthers rate as the country's sleeper this time around. Mike Gottfried is on the right track toward restoring a once-proud program to prominence. Pitt fields experienced starting units, but lack of depth poses problems at several positions. Developing a few unproven prospects from a highly touted recruiting class is essential. So is developing a consistent running attack. Tailback Charles Gladman and fullback Craig Heyward have not yet fulfilled their enormous potential.

Offensive guard
Mark Stepnoski



TSN's Second Twenty

21. South Carolina

The Gamecocks ride the arm of quarterback Todd Ellis back into the national spotlight.

22. Texas A&M

The Aggies suffered key personnel losses, but Jackie Sherrill's team remains competitive.

23. Michigan State

The Spartans' talent matches that of any Top 20 team, but a tough schedule poses problems.

24. Colorado

Bill McCartney has rebuilt the Buffs, and the folks in Boulder are talking Orange Bowl.

25. North Carolina

Quarterback Mark Maye and running back Derrick Fenner spark an explosive offense.

26. Florida

With quarterback Kerwin Bell still calling the shots, the Gators remain dangerous.

27. Oklahoma State

The young Cowboys are hungry, and running back Thurman Thomas is among the best.

28. San Diego State

With young quarterback Todd Santos at the helm, the Aztecs make a run at a Top 20 rating.

29. Mississippi

Billy Brewer's Rebels may warrant an even higher ranking if their improvement persists.

30. Alabama

Bill Curry finds the going rough his first time around with the Crimson Tide.

31. Texas

Tradition, not talent, is the only reason the Longhorns are afforded a Top 40 rating.

32. Georgia Tech

The Yellow Jackets are a team on the rise as Bobby Ross inherits a well-stocked program.

33. Stanford

The presence of running back Brad Muster assures the Cardinal of another bowl berth.

34. Maryland

The Terrapins, after slipping in 1986, are primed and ready for redemption.

35. Texas Christian

With a little seasoning, Jim Wacker's Horned Frogs may rank second to none in the SWC.

36. Illinois

After a one-year hiatus, Mike White's Fighting Illini should go bowling.

37. West Virginia

There's too much beef in the trenches for the Mountaineers not to return to their winning ways.

38. Minnesota

Quarterback Rickey Foggie and running back Darrell Thompson need help to lift the Gophers.

39. Arizona

Quarterback is Dick Tomey's biggest worry. Enough talent is on hand for seven or eight wins.

40. Texas Tech

The jury's still out on Spike Dykes' Red Raiders, who need a transfusion of new talent.

Award Candidates

Heisman Trophy (Top Player)

1. Tim Brown, FL, Notre Dame.
2. Gaston Green, TB, UCLA.
3. Jamie Morris, TB, Michigan.
4. Chris Spielman, LB, Ohio State.
5. Kerwin Bell, QB, Florida.

Outland Trophy (Top Interior Lineman)

1. Randall McDaniel, OG, Arizona State.
2. Tracy Rucker, DT, Auburn.
3. Tony Cherico, NG, Arkansas.
4. Al Noga, DT, Hawaii.
5. Andy Sinclair, C, Stanford.

Lombardi Award (Top Lineman/Linebacker)

1. Chris Spielman, LB, Ohio State.
2. Marcus Cotton, LB, Southern California.
3. Daniel Stubbs, DE, Miami (Fla.).
4. Broderick Thomas, DE, Nebraska.
5. Randall McDaniel, OG, Arizona State.

Butkus Award (Top Linebacker)

1. Chris Spielman, Ohio State.
2. Marcus Cotton, Southern California.
3. Eric Kumerow, Ohio State.
4. Aundray Bruce, Auburn.
5. Paul McGowan, Florida State.

Thorpe Award (Top Defensive Back)

1. Deion Sanders, CB, Florida State.
2. Jarvis Williams, CB, Florida.
3. Bennie Blades, S, Miami (Fla.).
4. Chuck Cecil, S, Arizona.
5. Mario Mitchell, CB, San Diego State.

Top 40 Schedule Ratings

Team	Opp. '86 Win. Pct. (Rnk)	Games vs. '86 Bowl Teams	Games vs. Top 40	Top 40 Opponents
Oklahoma.....	.504 (34)	3	5	North Carolina, *Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma State, @Nebraska
Ohio State.....	.528 (27)	5	7	West Virginia, @LSU, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan St., Iowa, @Michigan
Nebraska.....	.496 (37)	4	6	UCLA, @ASU, S. Carolina, @Oklahoma St., @Colorado, Oklahoma
Clemson.....	.541 (16)	4	5	Georgia, Georgia Tech, @North Carolina, Maryland, @South Carolina
Arizona State.....	.480 (40)	4	5	@Illinois, Nebraska, @Washington, UCLA, Arizona
Louisiana State.....	.573 (7)	5	6	@Texas A&M, Ohio State, Florida, @Georgia, @Mississippi, Alabama
UCLA.....	.636 (4)	7	7	S.D. St., @Nebraska, Arizona, @Stanford, @ASU, Washington, @USC
Michigan.....	.492 (38)	5	6	Notre Dame, @Michigan State, Iowa, @Minnesota, @Illinois, Ohio State
Florida State.....	.529 (26)	3	5	Texas Tech, @Michigan State, Miami, @Auburn, @Florida
Auburn.....	.520 (T28)	5	8	Texas, @Tenn., @UNC, @Ga. Tech, Florida, FSU, @Georgia, *Alabama
Washington.....	.559 (10)	6	6	Stanford, @Texas A&M, Arizona State, USC, @Arizona, @UCLA
Arkansas.....	.557 (12)	5	6	@Mississippi, Miami, @TCU, @Texas Tech, Texas, @Texas A&M
Iowa.....	.519 (30)	6	6	*Tennessee, @Arizona, Michigan St., @Michigan, @Ohio St., Minnesota
Penn State.....	.520 (T28)	2	5	Alabama, West Virginia, @Maryland, @Pittsburgh, Notre Dame
Miami (Fla.).....	.550 (14)	3	6	Florida, South Carolina, @Arkansas, @Florida St., Maryland, Notre Dame
Notre Dame.....	.656 (1)	6	7	@Michigan, Michigan St., @Pitt, USC, Alabama, @Penn St., @Miami
Georgia.....	.508 (31)	4	7	@Clemson, S. Carolina, @Mississippi, LSU, *Florida, Auburn, @Ga. Tech
Southern California..	.533 (23)	5	6	@Michigan State, @Washington, @Notre Dame, Stanford, Arizona, UCLA
Tennessee.....	.530 (25)	5	5	*Iowa, Auburn, @Alabama, Georgia Tech, Mississippi
Pittsburgh.....	.566 (9)	3	3	@West Virginia, Notre Dame, Penn State
South Carolina.....	.649 (3)	6	4	@Miami, @Georgia, @Nebraska, Clemson
Texas A&M.....	.554 (13)	5	6	LSU, Washington, @Texas Tech, Arkansas, @Texas Christian, Texas
Michigan State.....	.532 (24)	6	7	USC, @Notre Dame, Florida State, @Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, @Ohio State
Colorado.....	.504 (35)	3	4	Stanford, @Oklahoma State, @Oklahoma, Nebraska
North Carolina.....	.541 (T17)	4	6	Illinois, @Oklahoma, @Georgia Tech, Auburn, @Maryland, Clemson
Florida.....	.650 (2)	6	6	@Miami, @Alabama, @LSU, @Auburn, *Georgia, Florida State
Oklahoma State.....	.484 (39)	3	3	Colorado, Nebraska, @Oklahoma
San Diego State.....	.507 (33)	3	2	@UCLA, Stanford
Mississippi.....	.538 (21)	4	4	Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana State, @Tennessee
Alabama.....	.545 (15)	4	6	Florida, Tennessee, Penn State, @Louisiana State, Notre Dame, *Auburn
Texas.....	.579 (6)	7	6	@Auburn, *Oklahoma, @Arkansas, Texas Tech, TCU, @Texas A&M
Georgia Tech.....	.537 (22)	6	5	North Carolina, @Clemson, Auburn, @Tennessee, Georgia
Stanford.....	.558 (11)	7	6	@Washington, @Colorado, UCLA, @San Diego State, Arizona, @USC
Maryland.....	.571 (8)	5	5	West Virginia, @Miami, North Carolina, Penn State, @Clemson
Texas Christian.....	.587 (5)	6	4	Arkansas, @Texas Tech, @Texas, Texas A&M
Illinois.....	.540 (20)	6	6	@UNC, Arizona St., @Ohio St., @Michigan St., Minnesota, Michigan
West Virginia.....	.541 (T17)	4	4	@Ohio State, @Maryland, Pittsburgh, @Penn State
Minnesota.....	.508 (32)	4	4	@Ohio State, @Illinois, Michigan, @Iowa
Arizona.....	.541 (T17)	6	6	Iowa, @UCLA, @Stanford, Washington, @USC, @Arizona State
Texas Tech.....	.500 (36)	4	5	@Florida State, Texas A&M, Arkansas, @Texas, Texas Christian

*Indicates neutral site.

passing game, normal-yardage-situation passing, third-and-long-situation passing and possession-down passing.

"If we have a strength offensively, it would have to be at tight end with Walter Reeves and at wide receiver with Lawyer Tillman, Scott Bolton, Duke Donaldson and Freddy Weygand. We've got experience at quarterback and we've got one great offensive lineman in Stacy Searels."

In all, Dye has 15 starters (six offense, nine defense) returning from last year's 9-2 team that tied for second in the SEC and beat Southern California in the Florida Citrus Bowl. The most damaging losses were, obviously, on offense, but Auburn also must find new starters at right cornerback and free safety.

"We've got some players on defense who have flirted with greatness," Dye said. "But we have never been consistent enough to be classified as a truly great football team. For us to be as good as we can be, these guys have to mature into consistent players. . . . We are very concerned about our secondary."

Junior safety Carlo Cheattom and cornerback Sean Smith, who sat out last season because of grades, are the leading candidates to fill the two open defensive spots. Otherwise, Auburn is set with a front wall that includes potential All-America tackle Tracy Rocker and noseguard Benji Roland and part-time starters Nate Hill (tackle), Ron Stallworth (tackle), Robert Goff (noseguard) and Rob Selby (tackle and noseguard).

Senior Aundray Bruce may be one of the best outside linebackers in the country. He had six sacks, 12 tackles for losses and 86 total tackles. Also back is outside linebacker Brian Smith, inside man Kurt Crain, a senior who led the team in tackles with 156, and inside man Edward Phillips. Senior cornerback Kevin Porter was the leader among defensive backs with 56 tackles.

Offensively, the Tigers will have trouble replacing top runners Agee and Fullwood. But the loss of Tamburello seems to worry Dye more.

Sophomore John Hudson is the leading candidate at center while James Joseph is the likely replacement for Fullwood. Though Curtis Stewart, Stacy Danley and Luvell Bivins are possibilities and Dye even has considered moving cornerback Perry Reed to tailback, Joseph should be the starter. Fullbacks Reggie Ware and Vincent Harris will fight for playing time.

Jeff Burger, who passed for 1,671 yards and nine touchdowns last season, returns to make the backfield transition easier.

Auburn has sent three tight ends to the professional ranks since Dye arrived seven seasons ago, but the coach says Reeves may be the best. Tackle Jim Thompson, guard Vincent Jones and Searels make the Tigers formidable up front.

Also returning are Brian Shulman, the leading returning punter in the SEC with a 44.1 average, and senior placekicker Chris Knapp, who connected on 10 of 19

field-goal attempts last year.

Auburn will be tested by a non-conference schedule that includes Texas, Kansas, Georgia Tech, North Carolina and Florida State and a league slate that includes Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Vanderbilt and Mississippi State.

Despite a lack of experience and depth and almost-constant injury problems in 1986, Georgia managed an 8-3 record and tied for second in the conference. That probably could be attributed to Dooley's coaching and motivational abilities.

But the man who has compiled a 183-71-10 record in 23 years at Georgia is sending up distress signals about 1987. Even though his offense appears to be in excellent shape, Dooley, whose teams always have been known for their rugged defense, is crying about his secondary and front wall.

Georgia's offensive strength begins with All-SEC tailback Lars Tate, who rushed for 954 yards and 16 touchdowns last season. Quarterback James Jackson, who threw for 1,475 yards and nine touchdowns last year, also returns, as do guards Mack Burroughs and Kim Stephens, center Todd Wheeler and tight end Troy Sadowski—big, big reasons why Georgia was the No. 2-ranked rushing team in the conference in 1986.

"I feel like we'll be somewhere in the middle just fighting desperately to get into the upper division," Dooley said. "I

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Who'll Fill Fullwood's and Bennett's Shoes?



Move over, Southern California. The new Tailback U. is Auburn, where the string of great ballcarriers has run from Joe Cribbs to James Brooks to Lionel James to Bo Jackson to Brent Fullwood—and now to a sophomore who's trying to follow in some very fast footsteps.

The torch has been passed from Bo, the 1985 Heisman Trophy winner, to Brent, a 1986 consensus All-America, to James (Bo Peep) Joseph, who is emerging as Auburn's starting tailback.

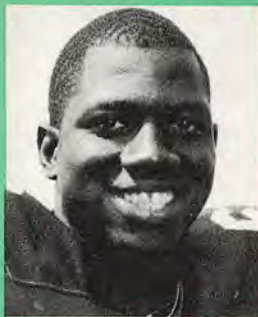
While Fullwood was leaving tacklers in his 1,391-yard wake in his senior season a year ago, Joseph arrived on the Auburn scene out of Phenix City (Ala.) Central High School and became the backup tailback and second-leading rusher on the team with 265 yards on 52 carries. The 6-foot-2, 200-pounder even had a 100-yard game, rushing for 114 yards and two touchdowns against Western Carolina.

But Joseph, who runs about a 4.6-second 40-yard dash, is not to be confused with Fullwood or Jackson, each of whom ran about a 4.2 40.

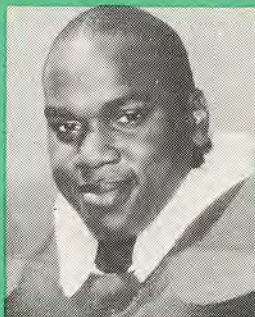
"I don't feel the pressure as far as being a breakaway runner like Brent

and Bo were," Joseph said. "I've never been a breakaway runner. I've always been a slasher."

While Coach Pat Dye is cautious—"I



James Joseph



Derrick Thomas

don't see how we could possibly get the production at tailback we've been getting," he said—running backs coach Bud Casey said the beat will go on.

"James Joseph is an athlete," Casey said. "He's going to have a lot of big days at Auburn."

Big days were second nature to former Alabama outside linebacker Cornelius Bennett, the quarterback's nightmare. As a senior last season, the consensus All-America disrupted offenses almost every Saturday with his

blitzing and speed and won the Lombardi Trophy. According to former Alabama coach Ray Perkins, who coached both players, Bennett was perhaps a shade better than New York Giants All-Pro Lawrence Taylor.

Now Alabama has a new coach, Bill Curry, and a new starter at outside linebacker: 6-4, 222-pound junior Derrick Thomas. If Bennett kept opposing coaches up nights, Thomas may be an even bigger cause of insomnia. Former Alabama defensive coordinator Joe Kines, who followed Perkins to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, said Thomas has the physical skills to be as good as Bennett.

"He does some things," Kines said, "better than Cornelius."

Last year, Thomas had four sacks and 30 tackles (including two for losses) in a reserve-role. He also scored the only touchdown by a Crimson Tide defender all year when he blocked a punt and ran it back 44 yards.

Curry said he wouldn't trade Thomas for any linebacker in the country. "There is nothing half-speed about Derrick Thomas," he said. "He is going to be a great player."

—KEVIN SCARBINSKY

say that for justifiable reasons. Our defense has not been good. I'd like to improve there. We lost the core of our offense, which finished good. In light of that, I don't think we'll be a contender for the championship."

The Dawgs appear to be better defensively than Dooley pretends. Sure, he has some worries about depth. But linebacker John Brantley, tackle Tyrone McClendon, guard Larry Brown, cornerback Greg Williams and end Aaron Chubb all return with considerable experience.

The secondary lost two players, but the addition of Southern Methodist transfer Mark Vincent, a two-year starter at cornerback for the Mustangs, eases the pain. And, as usual, Georgia has good depth at linebacker with Terrie Webster, Brent Collins and Demetrius Douglas.

"In the past three years, our defense has ranked sixth, fifth and seventh in the conference and I consider that mediocre at best," Dooley said. "We've been very unsound defensively, giving up too many long balls. We've not had the ability to rush the passer and we've not played very well in the secondary, so we're trying to be more basic and go back to the fundamentals and stop trying to be too complicated."

Dooley also is worried about offensive depth. Running backs Keith Henderson (523 rushing yards last season) and Tim Worley (195 yards) have been declared academically ineligible and Dooley will not determine their replacements until the fall. It's likely, however, that Hiawatha Berry will take over at fullback.

Georgia also enjoyed another banner recruiting year, signing 20 of the state's top 25 prospects. And the Dawgs play their two toughest games—October 10 against LSU and November 14 against Auburn—at home.

Tennessee, likewise, will be looking for some defensive answers in 1987. The Orange Crunch defense that sparked the Vols to the Southeastern Conference championship and a victory in the 1986 Sugar Bowl was more like an orange sieve last year.

The 1986 Vols, who had lost only two defensive starters, allowed an average of 29 points in their first six games. It wasn't until the young offense, led by quarterback Jeff Francis, finally materialized and linebackers Dale Jones, Kelly Ziegler and Darrin Miller overcame injuries, that the Vols were able to regroup and win their last five games (including a Liberty Bowl victory over Minnesota) to finish 7-5.

"Our defense was not outstanding," said Majors, who enters the '87 season without four key defensive starters, including Jones. "We need to make a tremendous amount of progress. We have so far to go. . . . We got hurt by the big play last year and we have to prevent that. We're still going to rely on a stunting, gambling, forcing defense."

Majors has big worries at outside linebacker and safety. And the strength of the defensive line hinges on the status of tackles Richard Cooper, who missed most of last year with an ankle injury before



Quarterback James Jackson will be asked to provide the spark for Georgia's offense.

being dropped from the squad during spring practice, and Mark Hovanic, who underwent off-season shoulder surgery.

The inside linebacking should be solid with Ziegler, Keith DeLong and Miller and Majors believes cornerback Terry McDaniel will be exceptional.

The Vols' offense appears to be one of the conference's most explosive.

Anthony Miller, who finished second in the conference in yards per catch (18.5), appears to be the next in a long line of talented Tennessee receivers. And Francis, who threw for 1,946 yards and nine touchdowns while finishing second in the league and seventh nationally in passing efficiency, is only a junior. He has other quality receivers in tight end Nate Middlebrooks and wideouts Terence Cleveland and Thomas Woods. Redshirt freshman Alvin Harper also could step into the picture.

The backfield returns the SEC's leading scorer, fullback William Howard (16 touchdowns) and injury-prone tailback Keith Davis.

Guard Harry Galbreath is the big man on an offensive line that will have to replace its tackles.

Tennessee also is looking for a new placekicker. Either senior Phil Reich or former prep All-America Dirk Borgognone will take over.

Bill Curry will take over the reins at Alabama, but his task isn't altogether enviable. The Tide lost All-America line-

backer Cornelius Bennett, quarterback Mike Shula, noseguard Curt Jarvis, wide receiver Albert Bell and placekicker Van Tiffin, among others. The upside is that when Ray Perkins left for Tampa Bay and the National Football League, he didn't leave the cupboard bare.

Tailback Bobby Humphrey and inside linebacker Greg Gilbert are excellent foundations upon which to build. So is offensive guard Bill Condon, if he can recover from major knee surgery in time for the season.

In all, Alabama lost five starters on offense and eight on a defense that ranked third in the SEC against the rush. Curry, the former Georgia Tech coach, spent most of the spring and summer drills switching player positions for depth. Among the more important moves were tailbacks Gene Jelks and John Cassimus to the defensive backfield, where the Tide lost three lettermen. Jelks was the backup for Humphrey last season.

Curry's biggest concern is finding a replacement for the steady Shula, who directed the Tide to a 10-3 overall record in 1986 and No. 9 national ranking. Highly recruited quarterbacks Billy Ray and Jeff Dunn, both redshirt freshmen, are getting the most serious looks. Junior David Smith backed up Shula last year but played little. Vince Sutton started five games as a freshman in 1984 but has seen little action since.

"It becomes clear that Dunn and Ray have excellent mobility and that's one of the things you look for," Curry said.

Humphrey, a junior, rushed for a school-record 1,471 yards last season, recording three 200-yard-plus efforts, four more 100-yard-plus games and 201 yards on 22 receptions. He scored 17 touchdowns and was named the SEC's Player of the Year. Humphrey will be joined in the Tide's backfield by 200-pound fullback Doug Allen.

When Curry decides on a quarterback, he will be protected by Condon, if healthy, tackles Joe King and Larry Rose and tight end Howard Cross. Curry flirted with the idea of switching the 6-4, 273-pound Rose to defensive tackle, but decided instead to switch him from offensive guard to offensive tackle.

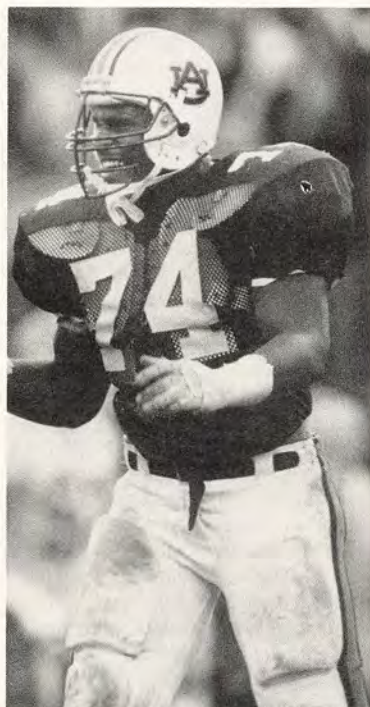
Curry has more to worry about defensively.

Only Gilbert, who led the Tide with 103 tackles, junior free safety Kermit Kendrick, who intercepted two passes in Alabama's Sun Bowl victory over Washington, and linebacker Randy Rockwell are back. Sophomore linebacker Vantreise Davis and junior linebacker Derrick Thomas provide talent and some experience. Two-year letterman Rory Turner is back at strong safety after missing last year with a knee injury.

Chris Mohr returns after averaging 41.7 yards per punt. Redshirt freshman Alan Ward is the most likely to replace Tiffin as the placekicker.

It took Billy Brewer only four years to build Mississippi into a contender. But

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Auburn's Tracy Rocker.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Louisiana State	Few teams can match the Tigers' depth, and Mike Archer's team can compete with anyone. Watch out.
2. Auburn	The Tigers, who now reload rather than rebuild, are just a notch below LSU. Quarterback Jeff Burger is the key.
3. Georgia	The schedule affords the Bulldogs this spot as both LSU and Auburn must play between the hedges.
4. Tennessee	The Vols are looking to return to New Orleans on January 1. If Jeff Francis continues to progress, it's possible.
5. Florida	Galen Hall fields an excellent starting 22, but reserves are thin and the schedule hinders the Gators.
6. Mississippi	This team has no limitations. The young and hungry Rebels are a year away from the Sugar Bowl.
7. Alabama	History and tradition might make this pick look ludicrous. But the Crimson Tide needs a complete face lift.
8. Kentucky	The Wildcats would contend for the title in most leagues, but not in college football's best conference.
9. Mississippi State	The Bulldogs and Rockey Felker served notice last year that they mean business. This program is on the rise.
10. Vanderbilt	Ditto. Give Watson Brown some time and the Commodores are no longer the conference doormat.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Kerwin Bell	6-03	205	Senior	Florida
Jeff Francis.....	6-03	208	Junior	Tennessee
Tom Hodson.....	6-03	181	Soph.	Louisiana State

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Doug Allen	5-09	200	Senior	Alabama
Al Baker.....	5-11	226	Fresh.	Kentucky
William Howard	6-00	239	Senior	Tennessee
Bobby Humphrey	6-01	187	Junior	Alabama
James Joseph	6-02	200	Soph.	Auburn
Sammy Martin.....	5-11	167	Senior	Louisiana State
Lars Tate	6-02	209	Senior	Georgia
Harvey Williams.....	6-02	203	Soph.	Louisiana State

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
J.R. Ambrose	6-00	189	Senior	Mississippi
Wendell Davis.....	6-00	183	Senior	Louisiana State
Fred Hadley.....	6-02	173	Junior	Miss. State
Anthony Miller	5-11	178	Senior	Tennessee
Carl Parker	6-02	201	Senior	Vanderbilt
Lawyer Tillman	6-04	220	Junior	Auburn

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Brian Kinchen.....	6-03	221	Senior	Louisiana State
Troy Sadowski.....	6-05	239	Junior	Georgia

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Nacho Albergamo	6-02	257	Senior	Louisiana State
Eric Andolsek	6-02	275	Senior	Louisiana State
Bill Condon.....	6-03	265	Senior	Alabama
Harry Galbreath	6-01	267	Senior	Tennessee
Larry Rose	6-04	273	Junior	Alabama
Stacy Searels	6-06	270	Senior	Auburn
David Williams.....	6-06	290	Junior	Florida

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Anthony Butts	6-04	273	Junior	Miss. State
Nate Hill	6-05	265	Senior	Auburn
Tyrone McClendon	6-04	251	Senior	Georgia
Tracy Rocker	6-03	258	Junior	Auburn
Jeff Roth.....	6-04	250	Junior	Florida
Michael Simmons...	6-04	277	Senior	Miss. State
Darryl Smith	6-00	230	Soph.	Mississippi

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
John Brantley	6-02	226	Senior	Georgia
Aundray Bruce	6-06	230	Senior	Auburn
Clifford Charlton.....	6-03	232	Senior	Florida
Chris Chenault.....	6-02	233	Junior	Kentucky
Cedric Corse	6-03	215	Senior	Miss. State
Kurt Crain	6-02	210	Senior	Auburn
Chris Gaines.....	6-00	233	Senior	Vanderbilt
Greg Gilbert	6-02	205	Junior	Alabama
Jeff Herrod	6-01	240	Senior	Mississippi
Eric Hill	6-02	247	Junior	Louisiana State
Ron Sancho.....	6-03	220	Junior	Louisiana State
Derrick Thomas.....	6-04	222	Junior	Alabama
Kelly Ziegler.....	6-01	220	Senior	Tennessee

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Chris Carrier.....	6-04	208	Senior	Louisiana State
Kermit Kendrick	6-02	200	Junior	Alabama
Stevon Moore.....	6-00	210	Junior	Mississippi
Louis Oliver	6-02	214	Junior	Florida
Kevin Porter	5-11	210	Senior	Auburn
Ron Robinson.....	6-00	187	Soph.	Kentucky
Jarvis Williams.....	6-00	198	Senior	Florida

KICKING SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Matt DeFrank	6-02	204	Senior	Louisiana State
Brian Shulman.....	5-10	192	Junior	Auburn
Joe Worley	5-09	169	Senior	Kentucky

ALABAMA

Coach: Bill Curry (first year at Alabama; 31-43-4 overall, 7 years).

1986 Record: 9-3; SEC: 4-2/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Albert Bell, FL; Cornelius Bennett, LB; Wayne Davis, LB; Curt Jarvis, NG; Wes Neighbors, C; Greg Richardson, SE; Freddie Robinson, CB; Mike Shula, QB; Van Tiffin, K.

Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Doug Allen, FB, 5-9/200, Sr.; Bill Condon, G, 6-3/265, Sr. (missed much of spring/knee); Howard Cross, TE, 6-6/232, Jr.; Bobby Humphrey, TB, 6-1/187, Jr.; Joe King, T, 6-7/309, Jr.; Larry Rose, G/T, 6-4/273, Jr. **Defense (3):** Greg Gilbert, LB, 6-2/205, Jr.; Kermit Kendrick, S, 6-2/200, Jr.; Randy Rockwell, LB, 6-3/207, Sr.

Key Returnees: Andy Anderson, OG, Soph.; Jeff Bentley, C, Sr.; George Bethune, LB, Jr.; Phillip Brown, LB, Sr.; Tommy Cole, DT, Jr.; Vantrelse Davis, LB, Soph.; John Fruhmorgen, OT, Jr.; Gene Jelks, CB, Jr. (switched from TB); John Mangum, CB, Soph.; Lydell Mitchell, DE, Sr.; Chris Mohr, P, Jr.; Lee Ozmint, S, Soph.; Greg Payne, FL, Sr.; Willie Shephard, LB, Jr.; Anthony Smith, DT, Jr.; David Smith, QB, Jr.; Derrick Thomas, LB, Jr.; Rory Turner, S, Jr. (RS/knee); Clay Whitehurst, FL, Sr.; Bo Wright, FB, Sr.; Willie Wyatt, NG, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Jeff Dunn, QB (RS); Pierre Goode, SE; Billy Ray, QB (RS).



Alabama's Bobby Humphrey.

AUBURN

Coach: Pat Dye (52-20, 6 years; 106-43-1 overall, 13 years).

1986 Record: 9-2; SEC: 4-2/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Tommie Agee, FB; Brent Fullwood, TB; Trey Gainous, WR; Arthur Johnson, S; Ben Tamburello, C.

Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Jeff Burger, QB, 6-0/205, Sr.; Vincent Jones, G, 6-3/240, Jr.; Walter Reeves, TE, 6-4/250, Jr.; Stacy Searels, T, 6-6/270, Sr.; Jim Thompson, T, 6-6/235, Jr.; Lawyer Tillman, WR, 6-4/220, Jr. **Defense (9):** Aundray Bruce, LB, 6-6/230, Sr.; Kurt Crain, LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Shan Morris, S, 6-0/200, Jr.; Edward Phillips, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Kevin Porter, CB, 5-11/210, Sr.; Tracy Rocker, T, 6-3/258, Jr.; Benji Roland, NG, 6-4/267, Jr.; Brian Smith, LB, 6-6/240, Jr.; Ron Stallworth, T, 6-5/260, Jr. (status questionable/injured knee in spring).

Key Returnees: Scott Bolton, WR, Sr.; Alvin Briggs, CB, Sr.; Stacy Dunn, OT, Jr.; Robert Goff, DT, Sr.; Vincent Harris, FB, Soph.; Nate Hill, DT, Sr.; John Hudson, C, Soph.; Brad Johnson, OG, Soph.; James Joseph, TB, Soph.; Brian Shulman, P, Jr.; Reggie Slack, QB, Soph.; Reggie Ware, FB, Sr.; Freddy Weygand, WR, Jr. (RS); Alexander Wright, WR, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Harry Mose, RB; David Rocker, DT; Sean Smith, CB.

FLORIDA

Coach: Galen Hall (23-6-1, 3 years).

1986 Record: 6-5; SEC: 2-4/T7th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Scott Armstrong, LB; Ron Moten, LB; Ricky Nattiel, WR; Adrian White, S; Keith Williams, DT; Jeff Zimmerman, OT.

Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Kerwin Bell, QB, 6-3/205, Sr.; Octavius Gould, TB, 6-0/210, Soph.; Mark McGriff, TE, 6-2/239, Jr.; Bob Sims, G, 6-5/267, Sr.; Anthony Williams, FB, 6-1/224, Sr.; David Williams, T, 6-6/290, Jr.; Charlie Wright, G, 6-5/265, Jr. **Defense (6):** Clifford Charlton, LB, 6-2/232, Sr.; Ricky Mulberry, CB, 5-10/177, Sr.; Louis Oliver, S, 6-2/214, Jr.; Jeff Roth, NG, 6-4/250, Jr.; Rhondy Weston, T, 6-5/255, Jr.; Jarvis Williams, CB/S, 6-0/198, Sr.

Key Returnees: Henry Brown, DT, Sr.; Webbie Burnett, LB, Soph. (switched from MG); Gerold Dickens, LB, Sr.; Dwayne Glover, S, Jr.; Tony Jones, CB, Soph.; Tony Lomack, WR, Soph.; Walter Odom, TE, Sr. (RS/academics); Pat Moorer, LB, Soph.; Pat Pinner, DT, Sr.; Stacey Simmons, WR, Soph.; Cedric Smith, FB, Soph.; Kerry Watkins, CB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Chris Bromley, C (RS); Doug Evans, DT (RS); Mark Murray, LB (RS); Huey Richardson, LB (RS); Mark Seager, DT (JC); Emmitt Smith, RB; Willie Snead, WR (transfer/Virginia).

GEORGIA

Coach: Vince Dooley (183-71-10, 23 years).

1986 Record: 8-3; SEC: 4-2/T2nd.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Split 60.

Key Losses: Steve Boswell, LB; Cris Carpenter, P; John Little, S; Wilbur Strozio, OT.

Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Mack Burroughs, G, 6-3/276, Sr.; James Jackson, QB, 5-11/175, Sr.; Cassius Osborn, FL, 6-0/179, Sr.; Troy Sadowski, TE, 6-5/239, Jr.; Kim Stephens, G, 6-2/251, Sr.; Lars Tate, TB, 6-2/209, Sr.; John Thomas, SE, 6-1/202, Jr.; Todd Wheeler, C, 6-3/254, Jr. **Defense (7):** John Brantley, LB, 6-2/226, Sr.; Larry Brown, DG, 6-3/255, Sr.; Aaron Chubb, DE, 6-4/210, Jr.; Vince Guthrie, LB, 6-1/205, Jr.; Will Jones, S, 6-3/199, Sr. (might switch to LB); Tyrone McClendon, T, 6-4/251, Sr.; Greg Williams, CB, 5-9/176, Sr.

Key Returnees: Scott Adams, OT, Jr.; Hiawatha Berry, FB/MG, Soph.; Mike Brown, S, Sr.; Brent Collins, LB, Soph.; Steve Crumley, K, Jr.; Andy Dotson, DG, Soph.; Paul Giles, DG, Jr.; Bill Goldberg, DG, Soph.; Steve Harmon, S, Soph.; Nate Lewis, FL, Jr.; Wycliffe Lovelace, DT, Sr.; George Mvros, C/OG, Jr. (RS/knee); Curt Mull, OT, Soph.; Miles Smith, S, Sr.; Richard Tardits, DE, Jr.; Kirk Warner, TE, Soph.; Terrie Webster, LB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Shelly Anderson, OT (transfer/SMU); Mark Vincent, CB (transfer/SMU).

KENTUCKY

Coach: Jerry Claiborne (25-29-3, 5 years; 138-76-5 overall, 21 years).

1986 Record: 5-5-1; SEC: 2-4/T7th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Wide Tackle Six.

Key Losses: Marc Logan, FB; Bill Ransdell, QB; Larry Smith, LB.

Starters Returning: **Offense (4):** Dermontti Dawson, G, 6-2/253, Sr.; Ivy Joe Hunter, RB, 6-0/214, Jr.; Greg Kunkel, T, 6-5/284, Sr.; Brad Myers, G, 6-2/275, Sr. **Defense (7):** Vic Adams, DG, 6-1/266, Soph.; Chris Chenault, LB, 6-2/233, Jr.; Carwell Gardner, E, 6-1/225, Jr. (suspended in spring); David Johnson, CB, 6-0/193, Jr.; Jerry Reese, T, 6-1/269, Sr.; Ron Robinson, S, 6-0/187, Soph.; John Shannon, T/DG, 6-3/250, Sr.

Key Returnees: Al Baker, RB, Fr. (RS/broken leg); Oliver Barnett, DT, Soph.; Craig Benzing, LB, Soph.; Joe Curry, TE, Jr.; Kevin Dooley, QB, Sr.; Jay Dortch, DE, Jr.; Anthony Gardner, CB, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Donnie Gardner, DT, Soph.; Mark Higgs, RB, Sr.; Doug Houser, DG, Soph. (injured knee in spring); Tim Jones, WR, Sr.; Jeff Kremer, LB, Sr.; Ron Mack, CB, Jr.; Andy Murray, FB, Soph.; Mike Pfeiffer, OT, Soph.; Dee Smith, WR, Soph.; Butch Wilburn, OG, Sr.; Joe Worley, K, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Jerry Bell, DE; Glenn Fohr, QB (JC); Randy Holleran, LB (RS).

last year's 7-3-1 record (4-2 and a second-place tie in the SEC) and victory over Texas Tech in the Independence Bowl have been tempered by the sobering news that the Rebels have been placed on probation by the NCAA, which means no television appearances or bowl bids. That's especially sobering since this year's Mississippi team is the deepest and most talented since the glory days of Johnny Vaught.

The conference's leading defensive team returns nine starters, including senior linebacker Jeff Herrod, a second-team All-America. Herrod was credited with 168 tackles and has registered in double figures for 14 consecutive games. Ends Wesley Walls and Lopaz Jones, tackle Rodney Lowe, noseguard Darryl Smith, linebacker Robert Smith, strong safety Howard Moss and cornerbacks Don Price and Stevon Moore also are back. Ole Miss is thin at defensive tackle, but All-Georgia prepster Kelvin Pritchett may get playing time as a pure freshman.

Offensively, the Rebels' returning starters include quarterback Mark Young and senior flanker J.R. Ambrose. Ambrose, one of the nation's best, averaged 18.1 yards per catch while averaging 95.7 yards per game in all-purpose yardage and leading the SEC in kickoff returns (27.1 yards per return).

"J.R. has that natural athletic ability and can turn a game around," Brewer said. "We want him to be involved as much offensively as he can. He's going to make something happen almost every time he touches the ball."

Young, a junior, took over in the fourth week against Tulane last season and was named the most valuable player in the Independence Bowl. He should get plenty of protection from tackles Jay Schimmel (6-5, 252 pounds) and Todd Irvin (6-6, 288) and guards Rich Adamcik (6-4, 258) and Derek King (6-2, 275).

Tailback Willie Goodloe and fullback Joe Mickles also return. But Brewer is expecting big things from freshman tailback Jim Earl Thomas. Thomas, whose 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash is a dimension the Rebels have lacked, is eligible after spending last year at prep school. Thomas rushed for 3,292 yards and 38 touchdowns in high school.

One of Brewer's biggest problems will be finding a replacement for All-America punter Bill Smith.

Mike Archer is another young and aggressive coach with big ideas. And it looks as if Louisiana State, under his direction, is capable of winning its second straight Southeastern Conference title.

After being hired to replace Bill Arnsparger, who retired from coaching to become athletic director at Florida, Archer addressed the most pressing issue of his new job: "One thing they can't say is, 'How long before you're going to retire,'" the 34-year-old coach joked.

Archer, the nation's youngest major college coach, will have one of the country's most explosive offenses at his fingertips. He also will have one of the SEC's most questionable defenses.

Eight starters return to the team that ranked second in the conference, just behind Auburn, in total offense (413 yards per game). The big three of that offense are returnees Tom Hodson, the league's top-rated quarterback and Freshman of the Year, tailbacks Harvey Williams and Sammy Martin and Wendell Davis, a first-team All-America wide receiver as a junior last fall.

As if that isn't enough, the offensive line is well-fortified with the return of center Nacho Albergamo, guard Eric Andolsek, tackle Ralph Norwood and tight end Brian Kinchen. Kinchen broke an ankle during the spring, but should be ready to open the season.

But Archer will have to mend the defense after the loss of key linemen Henry Thomas, Karl Wilson and Roland Barbay, and inside linebacker Toby Caston, the Tigers' leading tackler.

Linebackers Ron Sancho and Eric Hill and weak safety Chris Carrier are expected to carry the defensive load while linebacker Rudy Harmon and defensive back Franky Thomas, transfers from Southern Methodist, could become instant starters.

Sophomore kicker David Browndyke, who was 14 of 18 on field-goal attempts, and punter Matt DeFrank (42 yards per kick) are nice weapons to have in any offensive arsenal.

LSU's biggest problem could be the transition under a new coach. But Archer served as the defensive secondary coach for Miami's 1983 national-championship team and he spent the 1985 and '86 seasons at LSU, two as Arnsparger's defensive coordinator. He'll need time, but the Tigers play seven 1987 games at home.

Now that **Florida's** two-year NCAA probation is over, the effects will be easier to spot. Twenty-five new freshman signees and nine redshirt freshmen make up a major chunk of the team's roster and nine starters are gone from last year's 6-5 team.

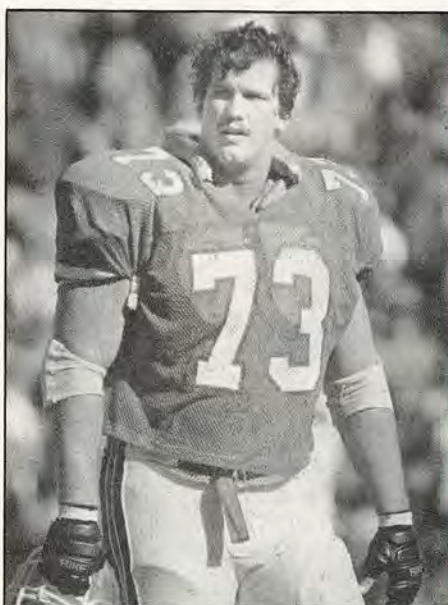
Coach Galen Hall has little depth and a depleted defense. The return of Heisman Trophy candidate Kerwin Bell at quarterback is a plus, but he will be throwing to an inexperienced receiving corps.

Bell ranks eighth on the SEC all-time career passing list with 5,816 yards. He has thrown 47 touchdown passes, the sixth-best total for a player at the end of his junior season in NCAA history.

Florida lost its top three receivers, including the versatile and speedy Ricky Nattiel. But Hall has a solid young offensive backfield with Octavius Gould (562 yards as a true freshman), junior fullback Wayne Williams and freshman recruit Emmitt Smith. Junior David Williams, a 6-6, 290-pound tackle, is one of the Gators' few experienced linemen.

Defensively, backs Jarvis Williams and Louis Oliver, outside linebacker Clifford Charlton and noseguard Jeff Roth are the top returnees.

It took seven weeks last season for opponents to catch up with **Mississippi State's** offense, a.k.a. quarterback Don



Florida's David Williams.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Coach: Rocky Felker (6-5, 1 year).

1986 Record: 6-5; SEC: 2-4/T7th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Louis Clark, TE/WR; Brian Plummer, CB; Alvin Robinson, OT; Don Smith, QB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Tom Goode, C, 6-2/250, Jr.; Fred Hadley, WR, 6-2/173, Jr.; Heath Jackson, TE, 6-2/229, Soph.; Durward Minor, G, 6-1/278, Jr.; Rodney Peters, RB, 6-1/214, Sr.; Harold Rials, T, 6-4/278, Jr.; Stan Sims, G, 6-3/280, Sr. **Defense (7):** Jesse Anderson, LB, 6-3/228, Jr. (may switch to TE); Asa Bennett, DB, 6-2/194, Soph.; Anthony Butts, T, 6-4/273, Jr.; Cedric Corse, LB, 6-3/215, Sr.; Jerry Leggett, LB, 6-6/252, Sr.; Darren Martin, LB, 6-3/229, Jr.; Michael Simmons, T, 6-4/277, Sr.

Key Returnees: Bobby Barlow, DT, Soph. (switched from TE); Mike Bush, FB, Jr. (missed much of spring/knee); Mike Davis, QB, Soph.; Darrell Kenneybrew, WR, Jr.; Dewayne King, LB, Soph.; Jerry Myers, DB, Jr. (suffered severe knee injury in spring); Hank Phillips, RB, Jr.; Michael Robinson, RB, Soph.; Bo Russell, S, Soph.; James Williams, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Ricky Byrd, NG (RS/medical); David Fair, RB; Lenard Hooker, LB (JC); Joel Logan, K; Bernard McCullough, CB (JC); Sam Wright, TE; Jerrod Young, RB (RS).

LOUISIANA STATE

Coach: Mike Archer (first year at LSU).

1986 Record: 9-2; SEC: 5-1/1st.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Losses: Roland Barbay, DE; Toby Caston, LB; Henry Thomas, NG; Karl Wilson, DE.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Nacho Albergamo, C, 6-2/257, Sr.; Eric Andolsek, G, 6-2/275, Sr.; Wendell Davis, SE, 6-0/183, Sr.; Tom Hodson, QB, 6-3/181, Soph.; Brian Kinchen, TE, 6-3/221, Sr. (missed spring/broken ankle); Rogie Magee, FL, 6-3/202, Sr.; Sammy Martin, TB, 5-11/167, Sr.; Ralph Norwood, T, 6-7/264, Jr. **Defense (7):** Chris Carrier, S, 6-4/208, Sr.; Kevin Guidry, CB, 6-1/185, Sr.; Nicky Hazard, LB, 6-1/219, Sr.; Eric Hill, LB, 6-2/247, Jr.; Greg Jackson, S, 6-1/195, Jr.; James Pierson, CB, 5-9/178, Sr.; Ron Sancho, LB, 6-3/220, Jr.

Key Returnees: Mike Babineaux, OT, Soph. (missed '86/academics); Tommy Clapp, DE, Sr.; Matt DeFrank, P, Sr.; Karl Dunbar, DE, Soph.; Eddie Fuller, TB, Soph.; Mickey Harris, TB, Sr.; George Henriquez, NG/DE, Sr.; Clint James, DE, Soph.; Victor Jones, RB, Soph. (RS/knee); Oliver Lawrence, LB, Jr.; Alvin Lee, TB, Soph.; Darren Malbrough, LB, Sr.; Darrell Phillips, NG, Jr.; Harvey Williams, TB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Rudy Harmon, LB (transfer/SMU); Franky Thomas, DB (transfer/SMU).

MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Billy Brewer (23-20-3, 4 years; 80-59-6 overall, 13 years).

1986 Record: 7-3-1; SEC: 4-2/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Mike Fitzsimmons, DT; Ricky Myers, WR; Jeff Noblin, S; Bill Smith, P.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Rich Adamcik, G, 6-4/258, Sr.; J.R. Ambrose, FL, 6-0/189, Sr.; Rob Goff, C, 6-2/250, Sr.; Willie Goodloe, TB, 5-6/175, Sr.; Todd Irvin, T, 6-6/288, Sr.; Derek King, G, 6-2/275, Jr.; Joe Mickles, FB, 5-10/214, Sr.; Jay Schimmel, T, 6-5/252, Jr.; Mark Young, QB, 6-2/177, Jr. **Defense (9):** Jeff Herrod, LB, 6-1/240, Sr.; Lopaz Jones, E, 6-2/240, Jr.; Rodney Lowe, T, 6-2/253, Jr.; Stevon Moore, CB, 6-0/210, Jr.; Howard Moss, S, 6-1/210, Sr.; Don Price, CB, 5-11/198, Soph.; Darryl Smith, NG, 6-0/230, Soph.; Robert Smith, LB, 6-1/233, Sr.; Wesley Walls, E, 6-5/235, Jr.

Key Returnees: Tony Bennett, NG, Soph.; Lester Brinkley, DT, Jr.; John Carlton, DT, Jr. (RS/knee); Chuck Cleveland, FB, Jr.; Butch Davenport, CB, Jr.; Bubba Dickey, LB, Jr.; Danny Hoskins, OG, Sr.; Bobby Martin, WR, Soph.; Chris Osgood, QB, Jr.; Ricky Richardson, DE, Soph.; Arthur Scott, DE, Jr.; Shawn Sykes, TB, 5-11/196, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Tim Brown, LB (JC); Chris Mitchell, DB (RS); Jim Earl Thomas, TB.

TENNESSEE

Coach: Johnny Majors (67-45-5, 10 years; 128-88-7 overall, 19 years).

1986 Record: 6-5; SEC: 3-3/6th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Joey Clinkscales, WR; Charles Davis, S; Dale Jones, LB; Bruce Wilkerson, OT.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): John Bruhin, G, 6-3/285, Sr.; Keith Davis, TB, 5-10/190, Jr.; Jeff Francis, QB, 6-3/208, Jr.; Harry Galbreath, G, 6-1/267, Sr.; Todd Kirk, C, 6-2/257, Sr.; Anthony Miller, WR, 5-11/178, Sr. **Defense (7):** Tracy Hayworth, LB, 6-2/232, Soph.; Mark Hovanic, T, 6-3/249, Sr.; Brian Hunt, MG, 6-1/262, Sr.; Terry McDaniel, CB, 5-10/177, Sr.; Darrin Miller, LB, 6-1/227, Sr.; Victor Peppers, CB, 5-8/155, Sr.; Kelly Ziegler, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.

Key Returnees: Fred Bennett, MG, Sr.; Terence Cleveland, WR, Soph.; Richard Cooper, DT, Sr.; Vando Davis, RB, Soph.; Keith DeLong, LB, Jr.; Marion Hobby, DT, Soph.; Joey Howard, DT, Sr.; William Howard, FB, Sr.; Mike Kelley, LB, Soph.; Nate Middlebrooks, TE, Jr.; Tony Nelson, CB, Jr.; Eric Still, OG, Soph.; Charles Wilson, FB, Sr.; Thomas Woods, WR, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Dirk Borgognone, K (RS); Reggie Cobb, TB (RS); Keith Denson, RB (JC); Derrick Folsom, S (JC); Alvin Harper, WR (RS); Bruce James, LB (RS).

VANDERBILT

Coach: Watson Brown (1-10, 1 year; 23-42-1 overall, 6 years).

1986 Record: 1-10; SEC: 0-6/10th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

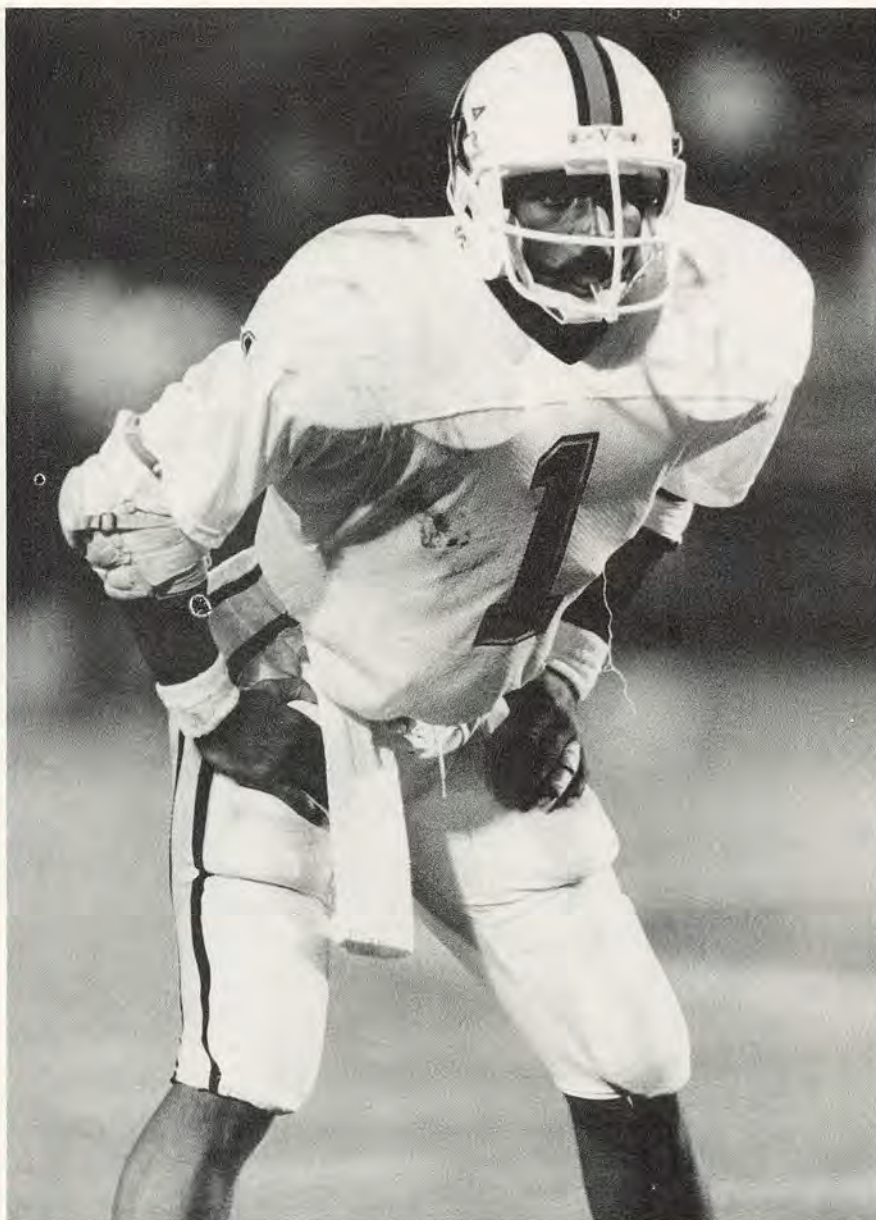
Key Loss: Carl Woods, FB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Everett Crawford, TB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Chuck DeGroot, T, 6-3/270, Sr. (might move to DT/broke wrist in spring); Mills Fleming, T, 6-4/257, Jr. (dislocated ankle in spring); Daryl Holt, C, 6-3/255, Sr.; Mike Johnson, G, 6-4/270, Jr. (status questionable/knee); Boo Mitchell, SE, 5-11/178, Jr.; Carl Parker, FL, 6-2/201, Sr. **Defense (8):** Andy Baker, CB, 6-0/174, Sr.; Chris Gaines, LB, 6-0/233, Sr.; Joe Gentry, S, 6-0/205, Jr.; Torrey Price, S, 5-11/180, Soph.; Bob Scanlan, LB, 6-0/225, Jr.; Eric Snyder, T/E, 6-4/240, Sr.; DeMond Winston, LB, 6-2/228, Soph.; David Wurm, T, 6-2/265, Sr.

Key Returnees: Rodney Barrett, WB, Jr.; Doug Bradley, NG, Soph.; Johnny Clark, K/P, Soph.; Tom Fitz, SE, Jr.; Brad Gaines, LB, Soph. (switched from FB); Mark Johnson, FB, Soph.; Eric Jones, QB, Jr.; Steve Kosanovich, TE, Soph.; Tony Pearcey, FL, Jr.; Renford Reese, LB, Soph.; Tim Richardson, QB, Jr.; Allan Roman, CB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Bobby Craycraft, OT; Johnathan Daniels, CB; Andy Iacenda, RB; Cedric Moore, NG.

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Talented tailback Everett Crawford is a vital part of a potentially dangerous Vanderbilt offense.

Smith. The talented, underpublicized senior directed upset road victories at Syracuse and Tennessee and had the Bulldogs on the verge of a Bluebonnet or Independence Bowl bid that eventually fell through when they lost their last four games.

Smith, the SEC's total offense leader the past two seasons, has used up his eligibility, and with him goes 62 percent of State's offense. Smith rushed for 740 yards, passed for 1,609 and was a legitimate Heisman candidate for the first month of the season. Now, Coach Rocky Felker must replace him and seven other key starters with the idea of improving on last year's 6-5 record (2-4 in the SEC).

Felker's most pressing needs are a quarterback, a placekicker and three new starters in the defensive secondary. Another big loss is receiver Louis Clark.

Felker is hoping to upgrade the Bulldog running game enough to take some pressure off his new quarterback. That

probably will be sophomore Mike Davis, but redshirts Eric Underwood and Albert Williams still are in the picture.

The running-game boost could come from defensive back Michael Robinson or highly regarded freshman David Fair, who missed last year with grade problems. Also back are Jerrod Young and Rodney Peters, the Bulldogs' top returning rusher.

Felker probably will go to more of a multiple offense, throwing to the running backs, tight end Heath Jackson and sprinter-receiver Fred Hadley.

The defense is led by linebacker Cedric Corse, the Bulldogs' leading tackler last season, and tackles Anthony Butts and Michael Simmons. Freshman kicker Joel Logan is expected to get an early test as a point producer.

This is Jerry Claiborne's sixth season at **Kentucky** and his most pivotal. The Wildcats are coming off a 5-5-1 record (2-4 in the conference) and are faced with re-

building their offense.

Gone are record-breaking quarterback Bill Ransdell, fullback Marc Logan and wide receiver Cornell Burbage. And Kentucky's schedule doesn't offer much of a break with Indiana, Mississippi, LSU, Georgia, Virginia Tech, Florida and Tennessee.

One thing Claiborne should have is a top-notch running game. Ivy Joe Hunter (621 yards, six touchdowns) returns along with Mark Higgs (527 yards, five touchdowns). Redshirt freshman Al Baker, who broke an ankle early last season against Kent State, also will be available.

The Wildcats have some talent in other positions, like placekicker Joe Worley, the SEC's top field-goal man (17 of 25) last season, safety Ron Robinson, defensive end Carwell Gardner and linebacker Chris Chenaunt. Other returning starters are defensive guard Vic Adams, defensive tackles Jerry Reese and John Shannon and big-play cornerback David Johnson.

But Kentucky lacks a proven quarterback and lacks depth, especially on the offensive line. The Wildcats simply cannot afford injuries.

In contrast to Mississippi State and Kentucky, **Vanderbilt** is rebuilding its defense with the hope of improving on last year's 1-10 record (0-6 in the SEC).

Second-year Coach Watson Brown, whose 1986 Commodores lacked experience and depth, is switching from an even-front defensive scheme to the odd-man front. The idea is to keep opponents guessing. They weren't very proficient at that last season. The team leader in interceptions was Torrey Price with two. The only time the Commodores held an opponent under three touchdowns was in their only victory—a 24-18 win against Duke.

Brown is restructuring his defense around senior linebacker Chris Gaines, who led Vanderbilt in solo tackles, total tackles and tackles for losses. The rest of the defensive alignment remains to be seen. Gaines' brother, Brad, will move from the offensive backfield to outside linebacker and DeMond Winston, who made 62 tackles as a pure freshman in 1986, moves from defensive end to inside linebacker. Three starters return in the secondary—senior Andy Baker at cornerback, junior strong safety Joe Gentry and Price.

Offensively, Brown is not overly concerned, though he must make a quarterback decision. Junior Eric Jones finished last season as the starter but will have to fight off Tim Richardson, who missed spring drills because of shoulder surgery, and sophomore John Gromos.

The quarterback will have a talented corps of receivers, headed by All-SEC flanker Carl Parker (31 catches, 422 yards), split end Boo Mitchell (31 for 463) and tight end Steve Kusanovich. Wingback Rodney Barrett, talented tailback Everett Crawford and senior center Daryl Holt are the other top players on a potentially explosive offense. ■

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Armed and Dangerous

Healthy at Last, Mark Maye Hopes To Fulfill Promise

By RON GREEN

The name is Mark Maye. You may not have heard it before, but take note. If Lady Fortune finally decides to smile on the long-suffering North Carolina quarterback in 1987, he could become the best passer in college football.

That would have seemed like a foolish notion not too long ago. Until October 18, 1986, a splendid autumn Saturday, Mark Maye had been little more than a wistful longing deep in the hearts of faithful Tar Heel fans. A mirage. A dream. Three-and-one-half years of frustration.

How else can you describe the athlete who had tantalized those fans with only cameo appearances in the three football seasons that followed his much-publicized arrival at North Carolina? Mark Maye... North Carolina high school player of the year out of Charlotte Independence... one of the most coveted, highly recruited players in the country... a can't-miss superstar college quarterback.

But a redshirt 1983 season was followed by shoulder problems in 1984 and shoulder surgery after the '84 season. The 1985 season was chalked up to rehabilitation. The early part of 1986 was chalked up to a snake-bit young athlete trying to work out the kinks in his sore shoulder.

But good things come to those who wait, and that October Saturday in 1986 was a good thing for Mark Maye. The 6-foot-4, 200-pounder, a fourth-year junior, finally played a game from start to finish for the first time since high school.

Maye started in place of the injured Jonathan Hall and to say that he felt pressure was an understatement. Facing Tar Heel archrival North Carolina State at home in front of a packed house, the long-awaited savior went in cold, having thrown little to that point of the season and only one or two days a week in practice. He had not thrown for two days before the game to avoid the soreness that came every time he passed for any length of time.

But nothing could stop him on this day. He completed 25 of 33 passes for a school-record 311 yards and three touchdowns. He wasn't intercepted and he wasn't sacked. His 311 yards, ironically, matched the total he had passed for in his last full-game performance, a high school all-star game.

On the Tar Heels' last four possessions of the high-scoring shootout against the Wolfpack, Maye completed 17 of 19 passes for 227 yards and three touchdowns. North Carolina fell short, however, when Maye's receiver on a two-point conver-



North Carolina quarterback Mark Maye, healthy at last, hopes to show the college football world what he can do.

sion attempt slipped down, allowing N.C. State to escape with a 35-34 victory.

The drive that had set up the win-or-lose conversion attempt began with 53 seconds left and consisted of five plays covering 68 yards. All were passes from Maye, all completions. The touchdown pass was a 13-yarder that spoke volumes about Maye's long-discussed and long-shelved passing skill. Most quarterbacks just dream of throwing one like that.

"I was surprised when they called that play," said Quint Smith, who caught the pass in the front left corner of the end zone. "I was double-covered and I thought the coaches would call a pass over the

middle, where it was more open. It had to be a pinpoint pass between two defenders. Mark just fired it right in there."

North Carolina fans in attendance that day got more than they had bargained for. The Tar Heels had lost a game but found a quarterback. They finally saw the Mark Maye who had knocked the wind out of a high school receiver with the force of a pass from 20 yards away; the Mark Maye who had been named on five high school All-America listings while attracting hordes of recruiters; the Mark Maye who twice had thrown for more

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than 400 yards in high school games; the Mark Maye who had thrown for 36 high school touchdowns while scoring 21 himself; the Mark Maye who was going to lead North Carolina to the Promised Land.

That performance against N.C. State and those that followed moved Coach Dick Crum to offer an uncharacteristically glowing assessment of Maye's possibilities this season.

"He could have a great season," said Crum, "depending upon how healthy he stays and how well the receivers catch the ball. And we do have a good corps of receivers. The offense is matched to what he can do.

"If he stays healthy, he could be considered for the Heisman Trophy. His biggest problem there is that he doesn't have the background of publicity that Heisman winners usually have.

"But there's no question about it, he's exceptional. He has a great awareness of where people are. And he's a leader. Not the rah-rah type, but everyone respects him."

Respect may not be quite the word for it. Randy Walker, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, said, "I come from Ohio and everyone from Ohio quotes Woody Hayes. Woody Hayes said he was a hero worshiper and that was why he was in coaching. He said his players were like heroes to him.

"That's what Mark is to us on the coaching staff. To go through what he went through and remain as positive as he did was a wonderful thing to witness. It made us feel good to be in this business. He has been a great example for coaches, players and everyone else."

So what, exactly, has Maye been through?

Crum chose to redshirt his freshman prodigy because, he said, he had never been associated with any player who came to college with such a high profile and he wanted to give him time to settle in. No problem.

But on the first day of fall practice in 1984, Maye threw a pass and felt "a kind of muscle pull" in his right shoulder. It got worse as the days went by.

He tried to play, even made a couple of starts, but threw only 22 passes. "I played some but I couldn't really throw," he said.

In March 1985 Dr. Frank Jobe, the famous Los Angeles orthopedic surgeon, operated on Maye's shoulder. A shoulder that for years had rifled footballs and baseballs to their appointed destinations was out of commission. Jobe found a posterior labrum tear. The cartilage that holds the capsule in place was torn, allowing the shoulder to slip out. He repaired the tear and told Maye not to throw anything until further notice, which would be sometime in the distant future. Sometimes these things work out, sometimes they don't, the doctor said.

"It was almost a year," said Maye. "During that time, I didn't throw anything. The temptation was there but I was apprehensive about picking up anything and throwing it. Once in awhile, I'd go



Coach Dick Crum knows that a healthy Mark Maye is the Tar Heels' ticket to a big season.

through the motion just to see how it felt but, heck, I was afraid to even do that."

Maye, a brilliant student who went to North Carolina on an academic scholarship rather than athletic, concentrated on his studies and became what Walker described as "an assistant coach." He attended quarterback meetings, studied film and during games flashed signals from the sidelines.

"I never gave up," he said. "I always thought I'd be able to play again. I had faith the good Lord was working his plan and if it worked out for me to play, I would."

In the winter of 1986, some doctors and Maye's father, Jerry, a former pitcher in the Minnesota Twins' organization, gathered with the youngster in a workout room at North Carolina. After almost a year, he was going to throw something.

"It was more like an extension of my therapy," recalls Maye. "They wanted me to go through the throwing motion and let loose an object. I picked up a football and threw it about 10 yards. I wouldn't call it a throw. It was more like a lob. But it didn't hurt."

One small step.

Over the next several months, Maye gingerly tested the arm more and more. Still, when fall practice came, it was obvious he wasn't ready to play a full game or anything close to it.

Hall won the starting job and Maye played sparingly as his backup through the first five games, all North Carolina victories. In Game 5, however, against Wake Forest, Hall was injured late and Maye was asked to protect the lead. He

did, running four times without throwing a pass.

And then came the N.C. State game.

Despite Maye's sensational day, Crum was cautious. After the game, he told reporters, "Mark had a good day, considering." He drew some disbelieving looks. Considering?

"Yes," he said, "considering that Maye could still throw the ball in practice only one or two days a week." Crum warned against inflated expectations. He knew that Maye's shoulder could take only so much work and he didn't know how much pounding it could take.

That game was both gratifying and frightening for Crum. He had heard the alumni screaming for Maye and he had read the newspaper stories speculating about what North Carolina might do if and when Maye returned to his high school form. But Crum had been like a mother hen to the youngster, protecting him as best he could against overblown expectations—at the expense of drawing criticism to himself.

He had been burned by the Maye situation in 1984. It was before that season that Crum, in anticipation of having Maye healthy, had changed his offense to fit the young quarterback's talents. Tar Heel coaches had visited Brigham Young University and the Tampa Bay Bandits of the United States Football League to study their passing games. When Maye couldn't play, it took half a season for Crum to revise his offense to fit what he had available and the results were predictably unsatisfying.

Now, Crum says he'll keep the same balance of passing and running that his team had last season when Maye, once he became a starter, threw an average of about 27 times per game.

"The thing that was frustrating was the series of events," said Crum. "It's been a three-year ordeal to get him to come around and play. It frustrated me for him. If we'd had him, we might not have had those 5-5-1 and 5-6 seasons (in 1984 and 1985)."

The Tar Heels were 7-3-1 in 1986 and went to the Aloha Bowl, where they lost to Arizona in their first bowl appearance since 1983. But the N.C. State game could linger in memories as far more important than any postseason developments. It will, at least, for Maye.

His shoulder was sore at halftime, but he shrugged it off. When you're out there playing, he said, you tend to forget your aches and pains.

"The State game, that was the one thing that helped my confidence tremendously," he said. "As the game progressed, I got more and more comfortable. It was an unbelievable boost.

"I thanked the Lord after the game for giving me a chance to go out and play again. It made me just feel a lot better about things."

Good enough that in his next game, a loss at Louisiana State, he completed 15 of 22 passes for 139 yards. The next week, he broke his own school record with 316 yards passing against Maryland, hitting

on 25 of 40 passes and two touchdowns.

He suffered through an off day against Clemson the next week, completing 11 of 25 passes and being intercepted twice, and then completed only nine of 18 passes in the rain against Virginia. But it was back to the spotlight in the Tar Heels' regular-season finale against another old rival, Duke.

In that one, Maye completed the second-longest pass in school history, an 82-yard bomb to Randy Marriott. But with less than three minutes to play, the Tar Heels trailed the Blue Devils, 35-34, and were in control of the ball on their own 49. In the huddle, Maye looked at receiver Eric Lewis and said, "Bust it. I'm coming to you."

Lewis busted it, running a deep post pattern. Maye lofted the ball into Lewis' arms and when Lewis stopped running, the play had covered 51 yards and North Carolina had scored the winning touchdown in a 42-35 shootout.

Maye completed 17 of 23 passes in that one for 319 yards, yet another school record.

For the season, his figures read 110 completions in 176 attempts for 1,401 yards and 10 touchdowns. And he threw only six interceptions. His efficiency rating, based on a formula devised by the NCAA, ranks him fourth in the nation among returning quarterbacks.

During spring practice, Maye missed only one day of throwing, tossing as many as 200 balls a day. He continues his therapy, even though the pain has subsided and the soreness is less frequent.

"There's no comparison between how I feel now and how I felt last season," he said. "I think my arm is stronger but that never was the problem. I just needed to be able to practice and get some playing time."

"He's always had plenty of arm," Walker said. "What was amazing to me was that he was able to go out and play quarterback, do the things a quarterback has to do mentally, especially since he could only practice one or two days a week. This spring he was back to normal."

"Since I've been at Carolina (nine years), we've had some real good quarterbacks, but Mark's the best I've ever been around and it's not real close. He's exceptionally intelligent, very bright and creative. If you've got those qualities and the athletic ability, they'll take you a long way."

"He has the athletic ability and great instincts. He has great feet. He can make tacklers miss. And his hand-eye coordination is remarkable. He can catch better than anybody I've ever seen. If he hadn't been able to play quarterback again, we were thinking of making him a receiver."

"When the guys have a pickup basketball game, he's always the first one picked. And he can knock a golf ball out of sight. We played awhile back and on this par-five hole, he kind of missed his tee shot. He had about 250 or 260 yards to the green. I saw him pull out a wood and I figured it was a three wood but he couldn't reach the green with anything."

He hit this big high shot that came down about 10 feet from the hole.

"I said, 'What did you hit, a three wood?' And he said, 'No, a five wood.' A five wood about 250 yards. He doesn't always know where it's going but he can kill it."

Maye looks back on his football ordeal and says, "I think it's helped me realize football isn't everything. I'm not sure the Lord wasn't trying to tell me that. There are other things to enjoy."

"It was a humbling experience, going from being able to throw as much as I wanted, participating in all kinds of sports, to the possibility of having that taken away forever. It'll wake you up."

"I'm thankful for everyone who has helped me, had the patience to go through this with me, especially my coaches."

"But I still take it a day at a time." ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

By DOUG DOUGHTY

Although he is entering his first year at Wake Forest, Bill Dooley has won more games as an Atlantic Coast Conference football coach than any of his seven counterparts. Dooley is beginning his 12th year as a conference coach, which gives him

two years' seniority over Dick Crum, the man who replaced him at North Carolina and the nominal dean of ACC football coaches.

Dooley never intended to join the rare company of coaches who have directed two ACC football programs; indeed, he never intended to leave Virginia Tech, where he served as coach and athletic director for nine seasons starting in 1978.

"I thought that would be my last job," he said.

Dooley left Virginia Tech after one of the most successful seasons in school history, a 9-2-1 year that included a 25-24 victory over North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl. It was one of seven straight winning seasons for Dooley, who came to Wake Forest as the winningest coach at his two other head-coaching stops.

Dooley's future availability became public last September 15, when he brought suit against Virginia Tech and sought damages of \$3.5 million. Dooley claimed breach of contract, saying he had been fired the previous February by Virginia Tech President William Lavery.

Dooley kept quiet until the following August, when he said he began to receive indications that Virginia Tech might not fully honor his contract, which had more than seven years to run. The suit was filed only two days after a 20-14 upset victory over Clemson.

"I was under a tremendous amount of

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Who'll Fill Kramer's Shoes?



When Dick Sheridan accepted the coaching job at North Carolina State after the 1985 season, one of the immediate benefits was the opportunity to recruit Preston Poag.

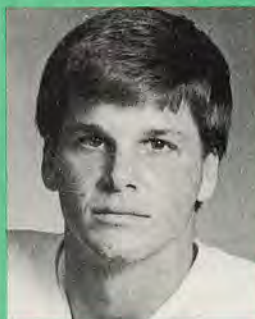
Poag had attended Sheridan's quarterback camp at Furman, but the Paladins hadn't pursued him because bigger schools were after him. After considering offers from Georgia Tech and Clemson, Poag decided to join newly hired Sheridan at N.C. State.

Now, after sitting out last season as a redshirt, Poag looms as the successor to Erik Kramer, the 1986 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year.

"Not many people are in my situation at this stage in their career," said Poag, a 6-foot-2, 182-pounder. "I feel very fortunate."

Poag also may punt for the Wolfpack, although he concentrated on playing quarterback in the spring. He had a 41.9-yard average as a senior at Dalton (Ga.) High School.

"Clemson was looking at me as a punter," he said.



Preston Poag

Poag, a good athlete who also attracted Division I baseball interest, passed for 1,250 yards and rushed for 500 yards as a high school senior, making him just the all-purpose quarterback Sheridan wanted to run his option attack.

"I think the only difference (in style) between Erik and me is that I'll probably run the ball more than he did," Poag said. "Erik was more of a pro-style quarterback."

In the spring, Poag moved ahead of Kramer's backup last year, sophomore Cam Young, and junior Joe Hollowell on the depth chart.

Poag now is one of the big keys for a Wolfpack team that finished a surprising 8-2-1 last year and tied for second in the ACC.

"I'm sure I'm a question mark," Poag said. "I haven't even played a down in college yet."

"Filling in for Kramer doesn't affect me. I've always been the kind of person who likes pressure."

—DOUG DOUGHTY



Guard John Phillips is the dominant member of an outstanding Clemson offensive line that returns intact for the '87 season.

stress from February (1986), when I was fired," said Dooley, who eventually reached an out-of-court settlement that will cost Virginia Tech about \$700,000. "Knowing I had to go through the spring and then through the whole season, I had to discipline myself. I had to fight burnout, but that's all gone now. It's really good to be back in a (football) conference, particularly the ACC. It's better in so many ways, I couldn't begin to tell you."

Dooley was not named Wake Forest coach until January 21, after Al Groh had stepped down unexpectedly after six seasons. Groh, who subsequently joined the Atlanta Falcons' staff, had sought a two-year extension but was offered only a one-year pact.

"I was surprised," said Dooley, once Groh's boss at North Carolina. "I had heard he was looking, but I didn't expect the job to come open."

Dooley had interviewed for the vacancy at Tulsa, "but I didn't have any desire of going halfway across the country. I wasn't uptight about it. I felt like I could get back into coaching, if not this year, then the following."

Dooley, who has a 20-year record of 132-91-3, inherits a program that finished 5-6 in 1986 and can claim only two winning seasons since 1971.

"I'd like to follow myself one time," said Dooley, who will be without four starting linemen from an offense that led the league with 29.5 points per game last year. "It's nothing that scares me, but you don't build a sound football program overnight."

Dooley will have the benefit of quarterback Mike Elkins for the next two seasons. Elkins passed for 2,541 yards and led the league in total offense as a sophomore.

Dooley also has a good pair of runners in tailback Darryl McGill (859 yards rushing last year) and fullback Chip Rives (679 yards). But the backfield will miss All-America guard Paul Kiser and All-ACC tackle Tim Morrison up front.

In the absence of all-conference wide receiver James Brim, whose 66 receptions were 20 more than the league's next most prolific pass-catcher, tight end Greg Scales becomes an even bigger target. Scales, who had 34 receptions last year, also can play wideout. Sophomore Ricky Proehl is another promising receiver.

The Deacons lost five starters from a defensive squad that allowed 31.4 points per game in league play. Dooley, whose teams have been known for their stout defensive play, will attempt to rebuild around linebacker Jimmie Simmons, safe-

ty Ernie Purnsley and cornerback A.J. Greene. Purnsley made a whopping 154 tackles a year ago, Simmons 112.

Before this year, the only coach to head two ACC programs was Jim Tatum, who was at Maryland and North Carolina. Dooley also is a part of the greatest turnover in league history, with four ACC programs beginning the 1987 season under new coaches.

Also in that group is Bobby Ross who, like Dooley, now is in charge of his second ACC team after resigning at Maryland and moving to Georgia Tech. The others are Joe Krivak, a former Ross assistant who was promoted at Maryland, and Steve Spurrier, who returned to Duke after an earlier stint as an assistant.

"A lot of new coaches," Ross said, "but not many new faces. It's easier than if, say, we were coming from the Pac-10. You know your way around the stadiums and a lot of other little things."

By season's end, many teams should know their way around Memorial Stadium at Clemson, where the Tigers will play an unprecedented eight home games, including six ACC contests. The last of those contests became possible when Duke gave up its home game for a \$250,000 guarantee. Clemson attracted almost 79,000 fans per home appearance in 1986, which was more than double Duke's average crowd, making the switch financially sensible for both teams.

The Tigers don't need too much help from the schedule. Fifteen starters return from a 7-2-2 team that went on to beat Stanford in the Gator Bowl. With a 5-1-1 record, Clemson won the ACC title for the first time since capturing back-to-back championships in 1981-82.

Coach Danny Ford doesn't mind that his team already has been tabbed the pre-season favorite.

"I'd rather be up there," he said. "The thing about this conference is, the teams on top are usually on top for two or three years."

Indeed, Clemson's triumph last year ended a string of three consecutive Maryland championship teams. The key to that achievement was a strong defensive effort. The Tigers led the conference in total and scoring defense.

"We went to a more multiple defense," Ford explained. "We blitzed more and made an opponent spend more time preparing for us. We were so simple before."

The Tigers lost a pair of All-ACC performers in defensive end Terence Mack and cornerback Delton Hall, but All-ACC defensive tackle Michael Dean Perry is healthy and returns for his senior year. Perry, the 6-foot-2, 270-pound younger brother of the Chicago Bears' William Perry, overcame ankle problems to record 15 tackles for loss as a junior.

"Michael Dean could be the best defensive player we have had at Clemson if he improves his discipline," Ford said. "He needs to worry about just his position and not everyone else's responsibility."

Balancing Perry on the left side of mid-

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N.C. State's Chris Johnson.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Clemson	The Tigers dominate, playing six of seven conference games in the friendly confines of Death Valley.
2. North Carolina	Quality players dot the roster, but the Tar Heels have a penchant for wasting talent. May surprise this year.
3. Georgia Tech	Folks in Atlanta figure Tech to be a year away from reaching the ACC summit. Could finish a notch higher.
4. Maryland	The return of Ziz ignites the Terps' aerial game. This could pose a problem for conference foes.
5. Virginia	George Welsh has his team on the rise. Players like David Griggs and John Ford give the Cavs hope.
6. North Carolina St.	With the loss of several key players via graduation, the Wolfpack slips a bit. Don't underestimate, though.
7. Duke	New mentor Steve Spurrier has a fine array of athletes yet must play five of seven conference games on the road.
8. Wake Forest	The Deacons sorely miss former coach Al Groh, arguably the best in the conference the last few years.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Mike Elkins.....	6-03	215	Junior	Wake Forest
Mark Maye.....	6-04	200	Senior	North Carolina

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Bobby Crumpler.....	5-10	196	Senior	North Carolina St.
Derrick Fenner.....	6-04	222	Junior	North Carolina
Durwin Greggs.....	5-11	215	Soph.	Virginia
Jerry Mays.....	5-08	171	Junior	Georgia Tech
Darryl McGill.....	5-11	208	Senior	Wake Forest
Chip Rives.....	6-02	214	Senior	Wake Forest

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ziz Abdur-R'aoof...	6-00	194	Senior	Maryland
John Ford.....	6-03	200	Junior	Virginia
Doug Green.....	6-01	180	Senior	Duke
Vernon Joines.....	6-01	186	Junior	Maryland
Ricky Proehl.....	6-00	185	Soph.	Wake Forest
Naz Worthen.....	5-09	168	Senior	North Carolina St.

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ferrell Edmunds.....	6-06	235	Senior	Maryland
Robert Massey.....	6-04	223	Senior	Georgia Tech
Greg Scales.....	6-04	250	Senior	Wake Forest

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Dave Amend.....	6-04	273	Senior	Maryland
Eric Bearden.....	6-02	254	Junior	Georgia Tech
Pat Crowley.....	6-03	275	Soph.	North Carolina
Jeff Garnica.....	6-04	260	Junior	North Carolina
John Phillips.....	6-05	250	Senior	Clemson
Chris Port.....	6-07	265	Soph.	Duke
Steve Ryan.....	6-03	275	Senior	Duke
Dean Weaver.....	6-03	266	Senior	Georgia Tech
Pat Williams.....	6-04	275	Junior	Clemson

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ray Agnew.....	6-04	260	Soph.	North Carolina St.
Raymond Chavous.....	6-05	290	Junior	Clemson
Reuben Davis.....	6-04	270	Senior	North Carolina
Dave Demore.....	6-02	250	Senior	Duke
Tim Goad.....	6-04	270	Senior	North Carolina
Ivery Lee.....	6-01	273	Senior	Georgia Tech
Michael Dean Perry.....	6-02	270	Senior	Clemson
Warren Powers.....	6-06	275	Junior	Maryland
Sean Scott.....	6-03	207	Senior	Virginia

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
O'Brien Alston.....	6-07	227	Senior	Maryland
Henry Carter.....	6-03	235	Junior	Clemson
David Griggs.....	6-04	240	Junior	Virginia
Richie Petitbon.....	6-04	231	Senior	Maryland
Brett Rudolph.....	6-02	228	Senior	North Carolina
Jimmie Simmons.....	6-02	227	Senior	Wake Forest
Kevin Walker.....	6-02	238	Senior	Maryland

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Kevin Cook.....	5-11	175	Soph.	Virginia
Mike Diminick.....	5-10	180	Junior	Duke
Derrick Donald.....	5-11	195	Senior	North Carolina
Riccardo Ingram.....	6-00	195	Senior	Georgia Tech
Chris Johnson.....	6-00	195	Senior	North Carolina St.
Ernie Purnsley.....	5-11	191	Junior	Wake Forest
Donnell Woolford...	5-10	190	Junior	Clemson

KICKING SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Anthony Dilweg.....	6-04	215	Junior	Duke
Dan Plocki.....	5-08	168	Junior	Maryland

RETURN SPECIALIST

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Chris Warren.....	6-02	217	Junior	Virginia

dle guard Tony Stephens is another stand-out tackle, junior Raymond Chavous. One end of the line will be manned by outside linebacker James Earle.

The linebacking corps was depleted when starter Norman Haynes and Duane Walker left school because of academic problems. But they could return in the fall as walk-ons for one semester as part of Ford's new policy to re-emphasize academics. Junior Henry Carter is the Tigers' top linebacker.

Junior cornerback Donnell Woolford headlines a strong secondary that includes returning safeties Gene Beasley and James Lott.

Clemson has an All-America candidate on the other side of the ball in senior guard John Phillips, a second-team All-America in 1986. Phillips is the dominant part of a powerful offensive line that returns intact and also features guard Pat Williams, tackle Ty Granger and center Jeff Bak.

The Tigers led the league in rushing offense in 1986 but lost consensus All-America tailback Terrence Flagler and Kenny Flowers, who made All-ACC in 1985 before getting injured and losing his starting job last year. Redshirt freshman Terry Allen had a slight edge on sophomore Wesley McFadden in the spring.

"They'll be OK," Ford said. "They won't be what we had, but Flagler and Flowers had to start somewhere."

Junior Rodney Williams, the Gator Bowl Most Valuable Player, will be back for his third year as quarterback, and Ford is hoping for a more balanced attack in 1987. Williams is a flawless ball handler, but Clemson ranked last in the league in passing offense and lost starting receivers Terrance Roulhac and Ray Williams and All-ACC tight end Jim Riggs.

Depth should be no problem for Clemson. The Tigers signed the scholarship limit and also welcome six players who did not meet Proposition 48 standards and were ineligible as freshmen in 1986. Ford said only two signees could be affected this year, and in the spring he was hopeful both would make the grade.

The Tigers finished half a game ahead of N.C. State and **North Carolina** in the standings last year, and the Tar Heels should provide Clemson's stiffest competition again after going 7-4-1 in 1986, including an Aloha Bowl loss to Arizona.

The Tar Heels went to Hawaii without All-ACC tailback Derrick Fenner, who could have played in the game but was due to become ineligible for the second semester and was left home by Crum. Fenner, who was still tackling the books over the summer, led the league with 1,250 yards rushing.

"I think he's trying to come back," Crum said, "and I hope, when he does, he will take the academic side seriously. But even if Derrick is our regular tailback, he'll need rest. He's susceptible to injury; he essentially had 1,200 yards in seven games."

Crum was pleased with the spring performance of sophomore Torin Dorn and redshirt freshman Kennard Martin, who



All-ACC tailback Derrick Fenner hopes to return to action after missing North Carolina's Aloha Bowl game because of academic problems.

can play tailback and fullback. And for a change, Crum doesn't have to worry about his quarterback situation.

Mark Maye came off rotator cuff surgery to complete 62.5 percent of his passes for 1,401 yards and 10 touchdowns despite starting only six games. He led the league in passing efficiency and, as a senior, seems ready to fulfill the vast buildup that accompanied his decision to sign with the Tar Heels.

"He's had to change his throwing motion," Crum said, "and I don't know if he'll ever be back 100 percent. But if he'd been healthy, I don't think we would have had those two bad seasons."

The Tar Heels were 5-5-1 in 1984 and 5-6 in 1985 but were fortunate to outscore some people in 1986. The offense should be equally high-powered this year, although second-team All-America tackle

Harris Barton has graduated. Center Jeff Garnica, tackle Creighton Incorminias and guards Pat Crowley and Steve Steinbacher give Carolina a young but talented line.

The Tar Heels gave up 30 points or more in five straight games last year, prompting an off-season change in alignment to a five-man front. There also was a reorganization of staff, with Marc Dove stepping in as defensive coordinator to replace Denny Marcin, who took the tight ends and received new administrative duties.

"It used to be you could say, 'If we only give up seven points, we can win,' but that's not realistic anymore," Crum said. "Now it's more like 14 or 21. We played pretty good defense from 1979-82, but our defensive staff visited Florida State and we made a few changes. We've steadily gotten worse since then, so we've gone back to more of a base set."

Carolina ranked last in the league in pass defense, but Crum doesn't put all the blame on the secondary, which returns four starters and features standout cornerback Derrick Donald, the ACC co-leader with six interceptions. Crum would like more of a pass rush and has some capable linemen in All-ACC pick Tim Goad and tackle Reuben Davis. Goad will move from noseguard to tackle for his senior year.

Both starting linebackers are back, including senior Brett Rudolph, who registered 98 tackles despite being slowed by an ankle injury most of the season.

Carolina won't be the only ACC team to change defenses. At **Maryland**, Krivak has scrapped the wide-tackle six that has been the Terrapins' trademark since Jerry Claiborne's arrival in 1972 and replaced it with a more conventional 5-2 alignment.

"I think people are throwing the ball better; they've become more innovative in the passing game," Krivak said. "I wouldn't say we'll change a lot. We've just gone from three deep to four deep in the secondary."

Ross said he would have done the same thing had he remained at Maryland.

"I felt one of the problems we were running into," Ross said, "was that the one-back offenses were really stretching us defensively."

Krivak has to replace only four defensive starters, although three (tackle Bruce Mesner, linebacker Chuck Faucette and cornerback Keeta Covington) were all-conference selections. But the linebacking remains solid with Kevin Walker, O'Brien Alston and Richie Petitbon, son of the Washington Redskins' defensive coordinator of the same name. Junior guard Warren Powers is becoming one of the league's better defensive linemen.

If the Terps are to regain their lost ACC crown, they also will have to improve offensively. Krivak, who coached the quarterbacks and receivers under Ross, said the Terps had trouble running the ball in 1986, when injuries forced position changes and pressed some young players



Sophomore Bren Lowery should help improve Maryland's running game after gaining some unexpected experience last season.

into action ahead of schedule. Guard Dave Amend and center Bill Hughes will lead the way this year for a group of running backs headed by junior Mike Anderson and sophomore Bren Lowery.

Dan Henning, whose father has returned to the Redskins as assistant coach, set several school records in his first year as Maryland's starting quarterback. After passing for 2,725 yards as a junior, Henning will have a good group of receivers to work with again this year. Tight end Ferrell Edmunds and wide receivers James Milling and Vernon Joines each had 28 or more receptions last fall.

If healthy, Azizuddin (Ziz) Abdur-Ra'oof could be the best of the bunch. Abdur-Ra'oof has been sidelined since the fourth game of last season, when he injured his Achilles tendon. The senior did not participate in spring drills.

"He's been away for almost a whole year," Krivak said. "That's a real question mark."

Junior Dan Plocki rates as one of the best placekickers in the country. He has converted 22 of 27 field-goal attempts and all 49 extra-point tries in his career, which began as a freshman walk-on.

In putting together his Georgia Tech staff, Ross hired four former defensive coordinators, all with a background in four-deep coverage, so there was little question which direction he would take. The

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CLEMSON

Coach: Danny Ford (66-23-4, 8 years).

1986 Record: 7-2-2; ACC: 5-1-1/1st.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Terrence Flagler, TB; Kenny Flow-ers, TB; Delton Hall, CB; Norman Haynes, LB (academically ineligible in spring); Terence Mack, DE; Jim Riggs, TE; Terrance Roulhac, FL; Ray Williams, SE.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Jeff Bak, C, 6-2/250, Jr.; Frank Delulius, T, 6-6/265, Jr.; Ty Granger, T, 6-7/270, Jr.; Chris Lancaster, FB, 6-1/230, Jr.; John Phillips, G, 6-5/250, Sr.; Pat Williams, G, 6-4/275, Jr.; Rodney Williams, QB, 6-2/200, Jr. **Defense (8):** Gene Beasley, S, 6-0/205, Jr.; Henry Carter, LB, 6-3/235, Jr.; Raymond Chavous, T, 6-5/290, Jr.; James Earle, LB, 6-5/215, Sr.; James Lott, S, 5-10/170, Soph.; Michael Dean Perry, T, 6-2/270, Sr.; Tony Stephens, MG, 6-3/285, Sr.; Donnell Woolford, CB, 5-10/190, Jr.

Key Returnees: Mark Drag, MG, Jr.; Wayne Harps, LB, Soph.; Reggie Harris, LB, Soph.; Ricardo Hooper, FL, Jr.; Keith Jennings, WR, Jr.; Tracy Johnson, FB, Jr.; Dorian Mariable, LB, Soph.; Wesley McFadden, TB, Soph. (RS); Otis Moore, DT, Soph.; Matt Riggs, S, Jr.; Vince Taylor, LB, Soph.; David Treadwell, K, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Terry Allen, TB (RS); Reggie Demps, TB; Stacy Fields, LB (RS); Joe Henderson, RB (RS); John Johnson, LB.



Virginia's John Ford.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Coach: Dick Sheridan (8-2-1, 1 year; 77-26-2 overall, 9 years).

1986 Record: 8-2-1; ACC: 5-2/T2nd.

Offense: Option. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Ralph Britt, TE; Mike Cofer, K; Kelvin Crooms, LB; Haywood Jeffries, SE; Nelson Jones, CB; Sandy Kea, NG; Erik Kramer, QB; Derrick Taylor, CB; Pat Teague, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Mel Crite, FB, 5-11/220, Jr.; Chuck Massaro, C, 6-1/248, Jr.; Joey Page, T, 6-3/255, Sr.; Lenny Schultz, G, 6-2/248, Sr.; Nasrallah Worthen, WR, 5-9/168, Sr. **Defense (5):** Ray Agnew, T, 6-4/260, Soph.; Michael Brooks, S, 5-11/190, Jr.; Chris Johnson, S, 6-0/195, Sr.; Mark Smith, LB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Fred Stone, LB, 5-11/228, Jr.

Key Returnees: Scott Auer, LB, Jr.; Bobby Crumpler, TB, Sr.; Izel Jenkins, CB, Sr.; Jesse Jones, LB, Soph. (switched from NG); Marty Karriker, FB, Soph.; Danny Peebles, WR, Jr.; Troy Russell, TE, Soph. (switched from RB); Steve Salley, FB, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Grant Slavin, LB, Soph.; Todd Varn, TB, Soph.; Scott Wilson, LB, Sr.; Kent Winstead, NG/DT, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Scott Adell, OL; Jesse Campbell, RB; James Foshee, RB; Clayton Henry, LB; Tyrone Jackson, RB; Preston Poag, QB (RS); Chris Williams, RB.

DUKE

Coach: Steve Spurrier (first year at Duke).

1986 Record: 4-7; ACC: 2-5/T6th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Eight front.

Key Losses: Paul Burke, OG; Paul Constantino, C; Julius Grantham, TB; Mike Junkin, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Jason Cooper, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; Greg Downs, WR, 6-1/170, Jr.; Doug Green, WR, 6-1/180, Sr.; Ted McNairy, T, 6-5/265, Jr.; Chris Port, T, 6-7/265, Soph.; Steve Ryan, G, 6-3/275, Sr.; Steve Slayden, QB, 6-2/185, Sr. **Defense (9):** Andy Andreasik, LB, 6-1/232, Sr.; Brian Bernard, T, 6-5/270, Jr.; Bob Calamari, S, 6-3/212, Sr.; Marc Crayton, T, 6-4/255, Soph.; Dave Demore, E, 6-2/250, Sr.; Mike Diminick, S, 5-10/180, Jr.; Jim Godfrey, LB, 6-2/231, Sr.; Dewayne Terry, CB, 6-2/183, Sr.; Fonda Williams, CB, 6-0/170, Jr.

Key Returnees: Anthony Allen, DE, Soph.; Roger Boone, FB, Soph.; Wayne Charles, TB, Jr.; Dave Colonna, TE, Soph.; Anthony Dilweg, P, Jr.; Greg Downs, WR, Jr.; Clarkston Hines, WR, Soph.; John Howell, LB, Jr. (RS/academics); Carey Metts, C, Soph.; Stanley Monk, WR, Sr.; Jeff Patten, DE, Jr.; Doug Peterson, K, Soph. (missed spring w/foot); Eric Sanders, FB, Sr.; Eric Volk, DB, Soph.; Jim Worthington, LB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Kedrick Ely, DE/LB; Chip Nitowski, OL; Walt Percy, OL (RS).

MARYLAND

Coach: Joe Krivak (first year at Maryland).

1986 Record: 5-5-1; ACC: 2-3-1/5th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Lewis Askew, CB; Alvin Blount, RB; Ted Chapman, DT; Keeta Covington, CB; Chuck Faucette, LB; Bruce Mesner, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Mark Agent, T, 6-5/264, Soph.; Dave Amend, G, 6-4/273, Sr.; Ferrell Edmunds, TE, 6-6/235, Sr.; Dan Henning, QB, 6-0/185, Sr.; Bill Hughes, C, 6-5/276, Sr.; Vernon Jones, WR, 6-1/186, Jr.; James Milling, WR, 5-9/156, Sr.; John Rugg, G, 6-2/262, Jr.; John Sorna, T, 6-4/280, Sr. **Defense (7):** O'Brien Alston, LB, 6-7/227, Sr.; Bob Arnold, NG, 6-3/261, Sr.; J.B. Brown, S, 6-1/183, Jr.; Richie Petitbon, LB, 6-4/231, Sr.; Warren Powers, DT, 6-6/275, Jr.; Sean Scott, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Kevin Walker, LB, 6-2/238, Sr.

Key Returnees: Azizuddin Abdur-Ra'ooof, WR, Sr. (RS/Achilles tendon); Mike Anderson, RB, Jr.; John Bonato, WR, Sr.; Wayne Brunson, DT, Jr.; Duane Dunham, DT, Sr.; Ben Jefferson, OT, Jr. (RS/academics); Clarence Jones, OT, Soph.; Robert Klein, DT, Sr.; Bren Lowery, RB, Soph.; Dan Plocki, K, Jr.; Richard Shure, FB, Sr.; Irvin Smith, CB, Jr.; Dennis Spinelli, FB, Soph.; Chad Sydnor, S, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Mike Hollis, CB (RS); Johnny Vessels, CB (RS).

VIRGINIA

Coach: George Welsh (25-29-2, 5 years; 80-75-3 overall, 14 years).

1986 Record: 3-8; ACC: 2-5/T6th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Kevin Gould, CB; Don Majkowski, QB; Rayotis Perkins, DT; Antonio Rice, RB; Paul Sierocinski, OT; Scott Urch, OT.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Joel Dempsey, TE/P, 6-3/235, Jr.; John Fetsko, G, 6-4/246, Sr.; John Ford, WR, 6-3/230, Jr.; Durwin Greggs, FB, 5-11/215, Soph.; Keith Mattioli, WR, 5-11/175, Sr.; Chris Minear, G/T, 6-2/275, Sr.; Tim Morris, C, 6-3/249, Soph. **Defense (9):** Roy Brown, T, 6-6/249, Soph. (switched to OT); Eric Clay, S, 6-0/184, Jr.; Kevin Cook, CB, 5-11/175, Soph.; David Griggs, LB, 6-4/240, Jr. (switched from DE); Mike Pettine, S, 6-2/195, Jr.; Judd Rupp, NG, 6-4/241, Jr.; Ray Savage, DE, 6-1/226, Soph. (switched from LB); Sean Scott, E, 6-3/207, Sr.; Phil Thomas, LB, 6-0/209, Soph.

Key Returnees: Don Bryant, RB, Jr. (switched from S); Quannah Bullock, WR, Jr. (RS/knee); Preston Hicks, LB, Jr. (RS); Ryan Jackson, CB, Sr.; Jeff Lageman, LB, Jr.; Kevin Morgan, RB, Jr.; Scott Seales, QB, Sr. (injured thumb in spring); Chris Warren, RB/KR, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Ron Carey, DL (RS/knee); Keith McMeans, P/DB (RS); Shawn Moore, QB (RS).

GEORGIA TECH

Coach: Bobby Ross (first year at Georgia Tech; 63-50-1 overall, 10 years).

1986 Record: 5-5-1. ACC: 3-3/4th.

Offense: Pro-set. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Kyle Ambrose, DT; John Davis, C; Gary Lee, FL; Reginald Rutland, CB.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Eric Bearden, C/G, 6-2/254, Jr.; Robert Massey, TE, 6-4/223, Sr.; Jerry Mays, TB, 5-8/171, Jr.; Toby Pearson, SE, 5-11/178, Sr.; Rick Strom, QB, 6-2/205, Sr.; Dean Weaver, G, 6-3/266, Sr. **Defense (9):** Willis Crockett, LB, 6-3/221, Jr.; Riccardo Ingram, S, 6-0/195, Sr.; Paul Jurgensen, LB, 6-5/241, Sr.; Travis Moody, NG, 6-3/266, Soph.; Sean Smith, T, 6-7/243, Soph.; Cedric Stallworth, CB, 6-0/180, Jr.; Rod Stephens, LB, 6-1/237, Jr.; Andre Thomas, S, 6-1/200, Jr.; Mark White, LB, 6-3/215, Jr.

Key Returnees: Willie Burks, DT, Soph.; Chris Caudle, TE, Soph.; Shane Curry, LB, Soph.; Darrell Edwards, RB, Soph.; Bug Isom, FL, Sr. (RS); Nate Kelsey, FB, Jr.; Malcolm King, FB, Sr.; Ivory Lee, NG, Sr. (RS/academics); Sammy Lilly, CB, Sr. (RS/hamstring); Jay Martin, S, Soph.; John Porter, LB, Soph.; Todd Rampley, QB, Jr.; Doug Sendobry, LB, Sr. (RS/knee); Eric Thomas, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Joe Siffr, C (RS); Spencer Slocumb, OT (RS); Felton Tucker, FL (RS).

NORTH CAROLINA

Coach: Dick Crum (67-35-3, 9 years; 101-45-4 overall, 13 years).

1986 Record: 7-3-1; ACC: 5-2/T2nd.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Walter Bailey, S; Harris Barton, OT; Eric Streater, SE; Dave Truitt, TE.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Pat Crowley, G, 6-3/275, Soph.; Derrick Fenner, TB, 6-4/222, Jr.; Jeff Garnica, C, 6-4/260, Jr.; Creighton Incorminias, T, 6-4/300, Jr.; Eric Lewis, FL, 5-9/175, Sr.; Mark Maye, QB, 6-4/200, Sr.; Steve Steinbacher, G, 6-4/270, Jr.; James Thompson, FB, 5-11/230, Jr. **Defense (9):** Carlton Bailey, NG, 6-3/245, Sr.; Skeet Baldwin, CB, 5-10/185, Soph.; Norris Davis, S, 6-1/210, Sr.; Reuben Davis, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Derrick Donald, CB, 5-11/195, Sr.; Howard Figgins, CB/S, 5-9/198, Sr.; Tim Goad, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Brett Rudolph, LB, 6-2/228, Sr.; Mitch Wike, LB, 6-2/225, Jr.

Key Returnees: Torin Dorn, TB, Soph.; Antonio Goss, LB, Jr.; Cecil Gray, DT, Soph.; Jonathan Hall, QB, Jr.; Darrell Hamilton, OT, Jr.; Jim Jauch, CB, Jr.; Brad Lopp, FB, Sr.; Randy Marriott, WR, Jr.; Noel McEachern, DE, Soph.; Ralph Phifer, OG, Sr.; John Reed, LB, Soph.; Quinton Smith, WR, Sr.; Dan Voolietich, S, Soph.; Larry Whiteside, CB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Kennard Martin, RB (RS); Chuck Tabor, OT (transfer/Missouri).

WAKE FOREST

Coach: Bill Dooley (first year at Wake Forest; 132-91-3 overall, 20 years).

1986 Record: 5-6; ACC: 2-5/T6th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: James Brim, WR; David Chambers, WR; Ronnie Grinton, DT; Rory Holt, CB; Paul Kiser, OG; Steve Lambert, LB; Tim Morrison, OT; Scott Roberts, LB; Terence Ryan, DT.

Returning Starters: Offense (5): Mike Elkins, QB, 6-3/215, Jr.; Paul Mann, G, 6-3/270, Sr.; Darryl McGill, TB, 5-11/208, Sr.; Chip Rives, FB, 6-2/214, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder); Greg Scales, TE, 6-4/250, Sr. **Defense (6):** A.J. Greene, CB, 5-10/165, Jr.; Mike Hooten, E, 6-3/230, Jr.; Ernie Purnsley, S, 5-11/191, Jr.; Jimmie Simmons, LB, 6-2/227, Sr.; Kelly Vaughan, T, 6-3/239, Jr.; Joe Walker, S, 6-2/194, Sr.

Key Returnees: David Braxton, DE, Jr.; Steve Brown, SE, Soph.; Jay Deaver, OG, Jr.; Wilson Hoyle, K, Soph.; Tony Mayberry, C, Soph.; Tony Mosley, CB, Jr.; Carl Nesbit, DE, Sr.; Marco Pickett, WR, Soph.; Ricky Proehl, WR, Soph.; Mike Rice, OT, Sr.; Terry Smith, DT, Soph.; Dexter Victor, S, Sr. (RS/knee); David Whitley, LB, Sr.; Mark Young, RB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Mark Aglentas, DT (JC); Levern Belin, DB; Warren Belin, LB (RS); Roger Foltz, OT (transfer/Wichita State); Rob Watson, NG (JC).

Yellow Jackets' basic defensive alignment will be a five-man front.

Ross went through spring practice without two defensive starters from last season, All-ACC safety Riccardo Ingram, who also was one of the nation's top punt returners, and linebacker Mark White. Ingram was a slugging outfielder for the Yellow Jackets' baseball team and White was the ACC discus champion.

"I'd prefer to have them," Ross said, "but I felt committed to honor the commitment made by the previous staff."

Georgia Tech did regain the services of noseguard Ivery Lee, an academic red-shirt last year.

"He got off to a slow start (in the spring)," Ross said, "but he plays the run extremely well and is ideally built for a noseguard."

Guard Dean Weaver and Center Eric Bearden head an offensive line that will seek to overcome the loss of All-ACC center John Davis. Joining them in the trenches is tight end Robert Massey. But tailback Jerry Mays (842 yards rushing) is a question mark after undergoing knee surgery last spring.

Rick Strom started 10 of 11 games at quarterback as a junior but was pushed in the spring by senior Darrell Gast and junior Todd Rampley. Rampley, an '86 red-shirt, was the hero of the Yellow Jackets' All-American Bowl victory over Michigan State in 1985.

"I'd like to see us throw the ball a little more accurately," said Ross, who was not displeased with the overall composition of the team he inherited.

Ross pointed out that he was least familiar with Georgia Tech of any ACC team because the Yellow Jackets and Terps have never played each other. Because of schedule commitments dating back to Georgia Tech's Southeastern Conference days, the teams' first meeting will be in 1988.

All of the new coaches would like to duplicate Dick Sheridan's success in his first year at N.C. State. Sheridan inherited a program coming off three successive 3-8 seasons and took the Wolfpack to an 8-2-1 record and the Peach Bowl berth.

N.C. State was the only ACC team to beat Clemson, handing the Tigers a 27-3 whipping in Raleigh. But Sheridan must replace ACC Player of the Year Erik Kramer at quarterback, 11 other starters and all-conference kickers Mike Cofer and Kelly Hollodick.

The leading candidate to replace Kramer is redshirt freshman Preston Poag. The new quarterback will be throwing to All-ACC wide receiver Nasrallah Worthen, who caught 41 passes for 686 yards a year ago, and junior Danny Peebles.

Senior tackle Joey Page and junior center Chuck Massaro helped previously unheralded Bobby Crumpler rush for 581 yards in 1986 after moving from linebacker. Crumpler and sophomore Todd Varn, whom Sheridan called "a rippin' and snortin' kind of runner," made it possible to move promising Troy Russell to tight end.



Quarterback Steve Slayden is the trigger man for Duke's dangerous passing attack.

The defensive losses include linebackers Pat Teague and Kelvin Crooms, but a third inside linebacker, Fred Stone, had 109 tackles as a sophomore. Tackle Ray Agnew was the ACC Rookie of the Year as a natural freshman, and big things are expected from safety Chris Johnson after an injury-plagued junior year.

"There's no one in the conference who hits harder or who has a better nose for the football" than Johnson, Sheridan said. "I'll be disappointed if we're not stronger on offense, and we've got to be a better defensive team."

Duke welcomes back 16 starters, including nine on defense, but one of the defensive absentees is the Blue Devils' lone All-ACC selection from last year's 4-7 team, linebacker Mike Junkin.

The top returning defensive players are senior end Dave Demore, who had 81 tackles and five fumble recoveries a year ago, and junior safety Mike Diminick (103 tackles). The Blue Devils should be strong against the run, though their pass coverage is suspect.

Offensively, Duke should be more exciting this year under Spurrier, who was Duke's offensive coordinator when the Blue Devils set an ACC record for total offense in 1982. Spurrier then served as head coach of the Tampa Bay Bandits, where his wide-open attack produced a 35-19 three-year record in the United States Football League.

The Blue Devils had a respectable passing game under previous coach Steve Sloan, and quarterback Steve Slayden is coming off a junior season in which he

completed 58.5 percent of his passes for 1,914 yards.

"He's the best athlete as a quarterback I've ever coached," Spurrier said. "He can throw all the passes. He has plenty of zip on the ball, he's smart and he has the ability to get out of trouble."

Slayden's primary targets are wide receiver Doug Green, who was second in the league with 46 catches, and tight end Jason Cooper (39 receptions). The top returning rusher, senior Stanley Monk, gained only 165 yards last fall.

The Blue Devils had one of the top freshmen linemen in the country last year in 6-7, 265-pound tackle Chris Port, who played in 539 of 655 offensive plays and had only five missed assignments. Senior Steve Ryan is impressive at guard.

Junior Anthony Dilweg is the league's top returning punter. The backup quarterback averaged 40.2 yards per kick last year.

"With the talent we have here right now, we can be very competitive (this) season," Spurrier said. "We've got good players, good facilities, good coaches and a good schedule, so anything less than a winning season will not be acceptable."

Duke finished the 1986 season in a three-way tie for sixth—or last—with Wake Forest and Virginia. The Cavaliers, who had posted three straight winning seasons, ranked last in the league in total and scoring defense and finished with a 3-8 record.

Virginia, the only league team without an All-ACC player, will try to rebuild defensively behind senior end Sean Scott, a fourth-year starter who led the team in tackles in 1986. Jeff Lageman, who suffered a broken leg in practice and missed the last six games, will team with converted defensive end David Griggs for a good tandem of junior linebackers. Sophomore Ray Savage, a starting linebacker as a freshman, will move to defensive end, and sophomore Kevin Cook is a promising young cornerback.

Senior Scott Secules is the likely starting quarterback after passing for 956 yards with the benefit of just three starts and six games in relief of departed Don Majkowski. His receiving corps is solid with Keith Mattioli (44 receptions) and John Ford (five touchdown catches).

After averaging 28.7 yards per reception in 1984, when he was named ACC Rookie of the Year, Ford missed the 1985 season with a knee injury and was red-shirted. He also missed substantial playing time and was plagued by dropped passes last year.

No Virginia ballcarrier rushed for more than 404 yards last year, but that should be a stronger area for the Cavaliers this season. Fullback Durwin Greggs established that team-leading total as a freshman. And junior Chris Warren, a backup running back, was one of the nation's leading punt and kickoff returners last fall. ■

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One Step Beyond

Eastern Michigan's Patton Is Chasing Rushing Record

By DAN O'MEARA

Gary Patton may be the youngest of 14 children, but don't think for a minute that life has left him trailing behind.

Patton, in fact, is usually a step ahead, especially when he's being chased all over a football field by big, hungry defenders.

The 5-foot-9, 185-pound Eastern Michigan University running back has become so adept at dodging oversized linebackers and noseguards that he enters the 1987 season as one of the Mid-American Conference's top talents, poised for a run at Eastern Michigan's career rushing record.

Patton is living proof that big things often come in little packages. What he lacks in size and strength, he makes up for with heart and determination.

It's always been that way, starting back in Lorain, O., where he lived in the shadow of 13 brothers and sisters and got his first exposure to football in a Catholic youth organization.

Such a home atmosphere helps to hone a tough, competitive spirit, but it's difficult to form close ties to other family members. Patton's oldest brother is twice his age, and the next youngest, Chris, is five years older.

"I really don't remember much from when I was growing up, because most of my brothers were 18 or 19 and getting ready to move out of the house," Patton said.

"Chris and I talked, but he really couldn't relate because he was so much older. When I wanted to hang around with him, he was going places I had no business being."

Chris, however, was just close enough in age that he and his friends would let little Gary take part in neighborhood pickup games.

"They wouldn't tackle me real hard, but I learned a lot from them about football skills," Patton said. "After watching them, I'd try spins and fakes, and if it worked I'd think 'Oh, that was good.'"

Such trial-and-error methods on the sandlots helped Patton develop the early skills that made him a second-team All-Ohio back at Lorain's Admiral King High School.

"A lot of things I already knew," he said. "My coach was impressed. He'd say, 'You have most of these skills, and I'm trying to teach the people who are having problems.'"

"There were a lot of things I picked up that coaches couldn't teach at that level.



Eastern Michigan's Gary Patton, the youngest of 14 children, always has stayed one step ahead.

It just kinda came naturally."

One brother, Ronnie, played football at Central State (Ohio) for two years. He was one of two older brothers to play football for Admiral King, while another performed on the baseball diamond. But Gary was by far the most successful athlete of the family, playing baseball and basketball as well as football. He capped his rising star last season by earning first-team All-MAC honors after rushing for 1,058 yards and scoring 10 touchdowns.

Though many of the older siblings have scattered to other parts of the country, the Patton family stays in touch and Gary's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. Chris even made the trip from Texas last fall to watch his brother play against Bowling Green.

"Now they're all behind me," Patton said, "telling me to do this and do that, get the grades and the education. I send a lot of clippings to them and they're all surprised."

"They're always talking at home about sending them some tickets for the pros, but I have to get there first."

While growing up in such a large family had its drawbacks ("morning time was wild, when everyone was getting ready

for school"), Patton sees how being the youngest had its advantages.

"They've taught me so much, being older and wiser," he said of his brothers and sisters. "It gave me an advantage apartment-wise, marriage and those type of things. I'm a lot wiser than most people my age because of all the experiences I've had."

"When I was younger, my brothers and sisters used to pick on me, but that happens to everybody. When you're the youngest, you get the blunt of everything, but now they say, 'That's my little, big brother.'"

Patton's closest relationship was with his sister Debbie, who is one year older.

"She and I were real close, because we could relate to each other, being the two youngest," he said. "Hanging around the block, playing with other kids, it was always me and her."

"In fact, in junior high, people used to think we were boyfriend and girlfriend. That's how much we hung around together."

"She has two kids now, and those kids are my heart."

Oscar Patton, Gary's father, labored over a blast furnace at U.S. Steel for nearly 40 years, and his mother, Agnes, worked at a dry cleaners to supplement the family income. Together, they guided and raised their large family.

"He (his father) gave us a lot of freedom, but he also gave us a time to be home," Patton said. "We could go around the country three times before 10 o'clock. But when he said something, he meant it."

Patton was naturally inclined toward sports and his parents were supportive, but never pushy.

Patton's father "would say, 'If that's what you want to do, then I'm behind you,'" Gary said. "I just went and did it on my own, and when I did something, then they said, 'Well, OK, that's good.' Then they encouraged me."

"It wasn't like 'Why don't you try out for football or baseball?' It was like, 'Dad, I tried out for baseball today. I made the team; I need a glove.' Or, 'I tried out for football; I need X amount of dollars to play, to get the equipment or the insurance.' At that point, they were helpful, but it wasn't like they made me play."

Patton played sports year-round and his parents made their fair share of games, especially baseball.

"My father really liked baseball," he said. "We could play in another country and he'd be there. I expected that for baseball, but not football."

Once Patton received a scholarship, however, and became Eastern Michigan's starting tailback his freshman year, he saw his father's pride swell. Perhaps the older Patton had suddenly realized that there was something special about his youngest son.

"I thought maybe he did, but I never



Kent State quarterback Pat Young, a real recruiting bargain for Coach Glen Mason, emerged as the Golden

Flashes' secret offensive weapon in a surprising 1986 season.

asked him about it," Patton said. "He wasn't the kind of person to show much emotion, but when I made the college level, he seemed like a different person altogether as far as sports.

"Even my mother was surprised. He made more of an effort to come and see me play than he did when I was in high school."

The elder Patton died of cancer in December 1985, one month after the end of Gary's sophomore season.

"I tried not to let it bother me, because he was sick all during the season," Patton said. "He made it to the first several games, and then he really got sick.

"I had known a half year before he had cancer, and I was really preparing myself for this. It hurt me bad because I loved him, but he took so much treatment and couldn't get any better.

"The family, we all took it pretty well, because we knew what was going to happen. If it had happened when I was 12, I might have been mentally crushed, but I was 19 going on 20."

One reason Patton chose Eastern over the handful of Ohio schools that recruited him was a desire to move away and become independent, as he had seen his brothers and sisters do. He also wanted to be close enough that his family could see him play, and that he could call home without compiling too much of a phone bill.

"I talk to my mom about four times a week," he said. "I call her because my father is not around. She's not lonely. My mother is not the type of person to sit around and do nothing. I just like to keep in touch with her and see how she's

doing."

Tickets to Eastern Michigan games will be popular items this fall among Patton family members, eager to watch Gary break Mike Strickland's 13-year-old record of 3,234 yards and become the school's all-time leading rusher. Patton only needs 980 yards.

With his big effort last season, Patton became only the fourth player in Eastern Michigan history to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season and the first since Bobby Windom set a school record with 1,322 yards in 1977. Patton was the 20th leading rusher in Division I-A last year and fifth nationally in all-purpose yardage (164.8 per game). He also led the Hurons in pass receiving, catching 37 passes for 371 yards.

"I think all of us are in it for something, just to have our name somewhere, to prove we've accomplished something. And (the career record) is something I would like to accomplish," Patton said. "Also, it's my last go-round.

"But, then again, it comes back to winning. I don't care if I have two yards the whole season. If we go to the California Bowl, I'm the happiest man in the world."

Winning is something that hasn't come easily in recent years at Eastern Michigan. The Hurons were 2-7-2 in Patton's freshman season, 4-7 in 1985 and 6-5 last year. Patton would like nothing better than a big senior sendoff, both individually and team-wise.

Ironically, Patton wouldn't be on the verge of such achievements if Eastern Michigan Coach Jim Harkema had not changed his mind. Harkema was planning to move Patton, a freshman then, to de-

fensive back. He was the No. 6 tailback at that point, but two injuries, one defection and a position switch by another back suddenly thrust Patton into a playing role.

"I got to practice with the first-team offense, and ever since then it's just been history," Patton said. "I don't think I would have been happy (playing defense). I played both ways in high school, but I just knew I could play offense.

"I would have been on this side of the ball like I am now, or I would have been gone."

Patton, a telecommunications major with a minor in business management, hopes professional football is in his future. He grew up a devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan, though he lived only 30 minutes from Cleveland. "But," he says, "every team's money is green.

"I would like the chance to say I've been there, to say I've played in the pros. They (his family) have been all excited because I'm playing football, and I'd like to keep that going a couple more years.

"If everything goes right, hopefully, I'll get a shot at it, but if not I'll have to get this education and take it from there." ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

By DAVE HACKENBERG

Who needs a recruiting budget?

A year ago, **Kent State** Coach Glen Mason let his fingers do the walking,

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never leaving the comfort of his office, and still came up with one of the most productive freshmen quarterbacks in the country.

Pat Young, who sneaks in and out of the huddle at 5-foot-7 and 170 pounds, accounted for more than 1,500 yards of total offense and led the long-slumbering Golden Flashes to within a final-game victory of winning the Mid-American Conference title.

How Young found his way to Kent, O., is a story that kicks the fine-tuned art of recruiting square in the hip pads. It took one two-minute phone call. Period. End of recruiting story.

Mason, the former offensive coordinator at Ohio State, was named Kent State's head coach with just a week left in the team's 1986 spring practice after the sudden death of Dick Scesniak.

"Sometime in early May, just after spring practice ended, Don Nehlen (West Virginia coach) called to congratulate me on getting the job," Mason said. "Before he hung up, I told him that anytime he was out recruiting and saw a kid who didn't fit into West Virginia's plans, but might be able to play here, to let me know."

Mason didn't have to wait long. Nehlen already had a name on the tip of his tongue. There was this quarterback named Pat Young at Southridge High in Miami, Fla. Nehlen had been trying to get him as a walk-on, but distance and money were problems without the certainty of a scholarship.

"I called the coach at Southridge the next day and he recommended Pat highly," Mason said. "He told me if I called back in five minutes, he'd have him waiting by the phone."

Mason called back and asked Young three questions. Are you a good football player? Are you a good student? Are you interested in getting a college education? He heard "yes" three times, so...

"So I offered him a full scholarship," Mason said. "He said, 'I'll take it.' We're talking about a two-minute phone call, tops."

Young said the decision was easy.

"I didn't know where Kent was," Young said. "In fact, when I went home, the first thing I did was pull out my atlas and look it up."

"But I was real excited. I hadn't been highly recruited by Division I schools and playing at this level was my goal. There wasn't any hesitation. As soon as Coach Mason made the offer, I jumped on it."

Mason remembers Young asking only one question during their conversation.

"He asked if it got chilly in Kent during the winter," Mason said. "I said, 'Patrick, I can honestly say I've never heard anyone describe it as chilly.' I didn't tell him a better description would be downright cold."

By August 10, the day that Mason first laid eyes on his new quarterback, he already had decided to install an option offense.

"Nobody expected us to be any good," Mason said, "so I figured we might as well

try something. After evaluating the talent, I thought we needed to be in some kind of a finesse offense."

As it turned out, Mason was playing right into Young's hands.

"I figured I might have a chance to play some, because we'd run the option in high school," Young said.

Young was No. 3 on Kent State's depth chart as the season approached, but an illness and an injury moved him to the front of the class just one week before the season opener against Toledo.

The Golden Flashes had been picked to finish last in the Mid-American and the Rockets couldn't have known what was in store. They certainly were not expecting a freshman option quarterback who would run the ball 28 times. Kent State 18, Toledo 16.

"Dan Simrell (the Toledo coach) shook my hand and said, 'Where in the hell did you get the quarterback? He's not even in the press guide,'" Mason said.

But by the end of the season, everybody in the Mid-American Conference knew about Kent State's quarterback. He rushed for 779 net yards on 190 carries, passed for 756 more and led the Flashes to five victories, their most in a decade. He was named the league's Freshman of the Year while Mason, that wily recruiter, was voted Coach of the Year.

Despite the honors and the fact that the Flashes return 18 starters, Kent State is not getting much preseason respect.

That has something to do with Kent State's rugged road schedule and the Flashes' new recruiting philosophy.

"Our school president told me he was going to cut my recruiting budget to \$1," Mason quipped. "He figured that was 10 phone calls and 10 Pat Youngs."

Young is not a one-man show and non-believers will find that out quickly. He is, in fact, only one of 10 returning starters that give the 1987 Golden Flashes an offensive air.

Junior tailback Eric Wilkerson, a 5-9, 180-pounder, joins Young to give Kent State's backfield a "Smurfy" look. Don't be misled by Wilkerson's size. He gained 690 net yards last season while averaging almost six yards per carry. Fullback Robert Golden, who gained 296 yards, also returns.

Mason's offensive line returns intact with 247-pound Chip Curtis centering guards Ben Stratton and Jim Klohn and tackles Mike Paschall and Brien Naylor.

Eric Dye, Kent State's leading receiver last year with 28 receptions, will be Young's No. 1 target.

Mason does not have the same kind of experience on his defensive wall and will try to bulk up by moving Bert Weidner up front from his linebacker position. Still, the linebacking will remain a strength with Tim Viscuso (144 tackles last year) and Tony Stephens (108 tackles). The defensive backfield is experienced and features Jamie Howell and Tony Wells.

"I'll be honest with you," Mason said. "There's been a change of attitude here and the expectations are much higher. But I'm not sure as how there are a lot of

other teams losing sleep over us."

Maybe, but you can bet that the Mid-American teams, especially **Toledo**, won't make the mistake of underestimating the Flashes in 1987. And that's important because the Rockets should be in the thick of what promises to be a wide-open race.

Toledo was 2-4 last season before catching fire and winning its last five games. Momentum is on the Rockets' side.

"I don't know if you learn from losing," Simrell said. "I do know you learn to hate it with a passion. We hung in there and came out of it and I definitely think it will carry over."

What will not carry over is the yeoman offensive contribution made by tailback Kelvin Farmer, who departed after picking up 1,532 of the 2,058 net yards that Toledo gained on the ground last season. Farmer finished second nationally in rushing to Temple's Paul Palmer. But a solid offensive line returns intact, which might make things easier for David Rohrs, the heir apparent at tailback.

The best of the linemen is 6-4, 248-pound junior guard Todd Olsen, but they're all good, collectively the league's top line. Olsen's twin bother, Tim, starts at the other guard with George Linberger at center. Brian Hartong and Bill Blazek will be the tackles with 6-5 Tyler Burdick returning at tight end.

That line will be blocking for a new quarterback, possibly junior college transfer Steve Haddad. The prospect of replacing A.J. Sager is not a happy one, but the new man will have the luxury of throwing to a classy pair of receivers—Eric Hutchinson and Bob Wasczenski.

The defensive nucleus is solid with ends Keith Dunbar and Mike McCreary, tackles Brian Gabel and Paul Sandor, middle guard Clarence Good and linebacker Steve Huffman leading the returnees.

But the Rockets lost four fifth-year starters in the secondary and Simrell has a major hole to plug.

Placekicker Bruce Nichols and return specialist Renza Hughley could be key weapons if Toledo should get into any big games.

Confidence also should be high at **Eastern Michigan** after the 1986 Hurons broke an eight-year losing drought by posting a 6-5 record. Now, boasting an extensive offensive arsenal, Eastern is expected to mount a legitimate title bid.

"You never know how everything will come together," said Coach Jim Harke-ma, "but I believe we're now in a position to be a serious contender. When you're coming from the bottom, you have to get to the middle of the pack before you can make the next step. We've made that first step. Now we can go after it."

The Hurons have an All-America candidate in Gary Patton, who ranked fifth nationally in all-purpose yardage (164.8 yards per game) last season. The 5-9, 185-pound senior starts at tailback and is part of an offensive backfield that returns intact.

The Hurons also return quarterback Ron Adams, who completed 151 of 251

pass attempts for 1,995 yards and 13 touchdowns, and fullback Steve Palma-
teer. Adams' top receiver, Don Vesling, is
a talented baseball player who likely will
return for his final season of college foot-
ball before taking a chance on the major
league baseball draft.

Tackle Evans Hicks, a 6-2, 282-pounder,
and guard Brian Clouse anchor the offen-
sive line.

The Hurons' biggest problems will be
on defense, even though Harkema has
seven returning starters. There are expe-
rienced bodies, such as standout end Eric
Miller, but little depth up front. And East-
ern Michigan lost two of the league's pre-
mier defensive backs in Mike Skiver and
Anthony Fields.

Perhaps the truest test of 1987 success
will be how the rest of the Mid-American
Conference fares against **Central Mich-
igan**, especially after what happened last
season.

The Chippewas were rolling along in
their usual fashion at 4-1 when the bottom
fell out of their season. They lost four
straight games and eventually finished at
5-5. It marked the Chippewas' first non-
winning season under Coach Herb Dero-
medi, who is entering his 10th season with
a 69-25-3 mark, and the first for Central
Michigan since 1972.

"I thought we were a fine-line team
even when we were winning early in the
year," Deromedi said. "We weren't a
power, but I thought we'd be in it. Then
injuries took it away from us."

One of the key losses was outside line-
backer Phil Zielinski, who will return in
1987 for his senior year. And, said Dero-
medi, when Zielinski and some others
were sidelined, "our defense, for the first
time in some years, showed vulnerability.
Shoring things up, especially along the de-
fensive front, has been our biggest con-
cern going into this season.

"We may do it with numbers as opo-
posed to playing just two or three people
at certain positions."

The only sure defensive starters are
linebackers Zielinski, Mike Ryan and
Chris Wise, cornerback Howard Young
and noseguard Scott Alferink.

The Chippewas must replace some top
offensive linemen, although 6-3, 255-pound
tackle Duncan Hogg returns along with
guard Mike Dillon and tight end Bob Steb-
bins.

The only good that came out of last
year's injuries was the experience gained
by some of Central's skill-position players.

Junior Rodney Stevenson, a first-team
All-MAC tailback, rushed for 1,104 yards
last season and led the conference in
scoring with 84 points. But Deromedi
found out that John Hood was more than
just a capable backup and will try to work
him into the offensive flow. The competi-
tion is especially close at quarterback,
where Marcelle Carruthers and Randy
Levels are neck and neck.

Despite last year's problems, Central
Michigan led the league in total offense
(384 yards per game). The Chippewas,

however, ranked last in turnover margin
while operating out of their option attack.

"If we can cut down on how many times
we give it away, we should be in the
fight," Deromedi said. "There may have
been some teams last year that didn't feel
they were in the chase. Everybody thinks
they've got a chance this year, and legiti-
mately so."

Bowling Green State may be the
best example of how competitive the
league race could be. The Falcons return
16 starters, including all but two of their
skill-position players, and boast a defense
that should rank among the best in the
conference. Yet they may not crack the
first division.

"I might not like that, but I won't dis-
agree at this stage," said Bowling Green
Coach Moe Ankney. "There's certainly no
one dominant team. More likely, there
are seven that will contend."

Greg Johnson, the Falcons' talented
noseguard, agrees, but thinks his team
will prevail.

"There's so much parity, the team that
has the most guts will win it," Johnson
said. "Every Saturday, it'll be a matter of
how many guys come together and want
it at the same time. I think we have the
players that will come together that way."

Johnson joins fellow defensive linemen
Jack Coppess and Eric Lundgren and line-
backers John Hunter, Joe Foley, Erik
Johnson and Larry Lambright to give

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Who'll Fill Morris' and Swarn's Shoes?



Miami of Ohio Coach Tim Rose has
heard the talk, and all he can do is
shake his head.

He has heard people speculate that
quarterback Mike Bates and tail-
back Chris Thomas might be able
to replace Terry Morris and
George Swarn, respectively, and
not skip a beat.

"These new people have a lot of
ability," he said. "But I don't know
how we could really expect that."

"After all, we're talking about re-
placing the greatest passer and the
greatest rusher in Miami history,
and this isn't a school that's been
void of talent through the years."

Indeed, Miami football has pro-
duced 518 victories, making it one
of the winningest collegiate programs
in history. Obviously, quite a few tal-
ented players have worn the Redskin
uniform over the years.

But no Miami player has been better,
at least statistically, than Morris and
Swarn, who last season led the Redskins
to the Mid-American Conference cham-
pionship. Morris won the Jefferson
Award as the league's premier player
after completing 193 of 308 passing at-
tempts for 2,365 yards and 19 touch-
downs. Swarn, meanwhile, turned in the

last of three straight 1,000-yard rushing
seasons, ending his career with 4,172
yards and 22 rushing touchdowns.

Ready to take over are Bates, who

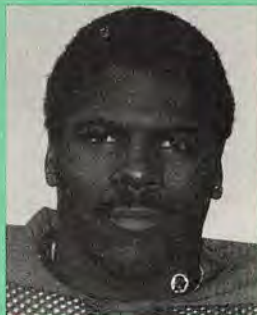


Mike Bates

passed for 33 yards last season, and
Thomas, whose credentials as a kick re-
turn specialist (seventh in the nation
last year with a 25.9-yard average) are
far more impressive than his 64 carries
for 175 yards as Swarn's backup.

"I'm a different type of back than
George Swarn was," said Thomas, a 5-8,
200-pound senior. "George was big and
durable. I'm a little shifter."

"But I really don't think it's too much
to ask that I replace him. Definitely,
George was one of the best in the coun-



Chris Thomas

try. But I have confidence in myself and
my teammates have confidence in me.
My goal is to be as good, or better, than
George was."

Like Thomas, Bates has a ton of
talent but only ounces of experi-
ence.

"Before Terry Morris did what
he did as a senior, he spent two
years on the field (in junior col-
lege) and threw something like 600
passes," Rose said. "Last year,
Bates threw maybe 10 passes in
competition. So he's really inex-
perienced. But he has the arm, the
talent, the speed and the intelli-
gence to do well."

The Redskins have another quar-
terback candidate in redshirt fresh-
man Mark Kuzma.

"I definitely think he (Kuzma) is the
quarterback of the future at Miami,"
Rose said. "But it would take a lot not to
go with Mike Bates this season. He's
earned it. . . . So I'll go a long way with
him. . . ."

"I think we're going to have a good
quarterback and a good tailback, but to
what extent they may become a great
quarterback and a great tailback is un-
known."

—DAVE HACKENBERG

Bowling Green a formidable defensive front. Some holes need to be filled in the secondary, but free safety Kyle Kramer is one of the MAC's best defensive backs.

Ankney, who says Greg Johnson plays his position as well as anybody in the league, agrees with his noseguard's defensive appraisal.

"We have some hard-nosed people in the key front positions," Johnson said. "That might be the strength of the team. Then, you look at the athletes we have on offense and the ability they have to move the ball and you realize we might not have to touch the field all that often. That would be nice."

The Falcons return their entire offensive backfield and receiving corps. The latter group, made up of Ken Rankin, Ronald Heard and Reggie Thornton, caught 68 passes a year ago.

"They have the speed, the skill and the experience," Ankney said. "If it's not the best receiving corps in the league, I'll be disappointed."

Rich Dackin will be responsible for getting them the ball. He completed 58.8 percent of his passes for 1,197 yards a year ago and was recognized, along with Kent State's Young, as one of the best four true freshman quarterbacks in the country by *The Sporting News*.

Tailback Jeff Davis (782 yards rushing) and fullback Mike Otten also return, but the offensive key could be how the Falcons patch up some holes in the offensive line and how they replace talented tight end Gerald Bayless. Kyle Hockman, a transfer from North Carolina State, will battle Derrick Gant for that position.

The Falcons will test their fortitude right off the bat when they open their season on the road against defending national champion Penn State.

Defense also is the name of the game at **Ball State**.

"When we first came here three years ago, our main objective was to put together a sound defense that would keep us in games," Coach Paul Schudel said. "Last year we led the league in defense and have a lot of kids back."

At the top of the list are linebackers Tim Walton and Greg Garnica, who led the league in tackles a year ago (16.8 per game) as a freshman.

Strength is provided up front by end Avis Hines, noseguard Mose Carter and tackle Troy Schultz. The secondary, led by safeties Stanford Young and Darryl Wesley, is experienced.

The 1986 Cardinals allowed only 114.3 passing yards per game and 284.9 total yards per game, the best marks in the conference. Still, they could manage no better than a 6-5 record.

It isn't hard to figure out why. Ball State had won five straight games to improve to 6-2 overall and 4-1 in league play when quarterback Wade Kosakowski went down with a thumb injury. Without Kosakowski, who finished as the league's third-rated passer, Ball State lost its final three games.

Kosakowski is 100 percent again and he'll be throwing to such veteran targets

as flanker Deon Chester and tight end Ron Duncan. The line, headed by guard Craig Kantner, is solid, but the running game is a question mark.

"We all know our defense will be good, that's definite," said Duncan, a 6-4, 245-pound senior who carries a 3.955 grade-point average. "The key to our contending is whether the offense develops to the same point. We have some people who know the ropes, so it could happen. And if our offense is a little more effective down in close, the loss of John Diettrich won't hurt as much."

Diettrich, an All-America placekicker who also handled the punting chores, ended his four-year career with 63 field goals in 90 attempts and just two conversion misses.

The conference's mystery team will be **Miami of Ohio**, the defending champion. If the Redskins can replace two of the best offensive players in the school's storied football history, they may be good enough to repeat. If not. . . .

Right now, the Redskins have only two known offensive weapons. Senior placekicker Gary Gussman, an All-America candidate, already is the school's career scoring leader and has made 80 consecutive conversions. Wide receiver Andy Schillinger was the nation's leader in touchdown receptions last year with 12. He caught a total of 46 passes for 955 yards.

"I'm sure people will probably think we are lacking some of the strengths we had last season," Gussman said. "But I think we'll sneak up on some people and become a major contender."

"The team morale is higher than I've ever seen it. We're coming off the type of season (8-3 overall, 6-2 in conference) that guys on the team want to experience again."

Miami does have a potential all-league center in Shawn Reilly but, unlike a year ago, the Redskins will depend mostly on defense in the early going while all the offensive newcomers get their feet wet.

Defensive strength starts with senior tackle Andrew Marlatt and linebackers Pete Mather and Jeff Anderson. Standout Sheldon White and Todd Snyder will hold together the secondary.

Until the offense matures, Gussman knows he may be called upon for more field-goal attempts than in the past.

"He's our security blanket," Coach Tim Rose said. "He provides tremendous comfort because of his consistency and range. From the 45 on in, he'll handle everything you give him."

No one is expecting **Western Michigan** to mount that much of a challenge this season, but new Coach Al Molde, who spent the last four seasons at Eastern Illinois, will make the Broncos competitive with a group of transfers.

Molde replaces Jack Harbaugh, who was fired after 5-6 and 3-8 seasons. No newcomer to struggling programs, Molde has a career record of 106-57-6 and has taken teams (Eastern Illinois and Minnesota-Morris) to postseason play five times. He also coached at Central Missouri State

and Sioux Falls College.

"I'm really an optimist," Molde said. "I focus totally on the positive, and it's a matter of getting people to play to their level and above."

"Still, Rome wasn't built in a day. There has to be an attitudinal change because these kids have been finding ways to lose. It's a tricky thing finding confidence to make the big plays to win."

The big plays might be made on defense, where 10 starters return. However, the loss of tackle Mark Garalczyk, named the MAC's top defensive player last season, will hurt.

The team's strength would appear to be at linebacker, where Terry Lewis, Eric Hoffman and Joel Smeenge control play. Tackle Jim Kramer should be among the league's best at his spot and Denny Robinson is an experienced free safety.

The top three ground gainers—Joe Glenn (602 yards), Chad Hopkins (518) and Lewis Howard (465)—return, as do slotback Vernon Coakley and wide receiver Jamie Hence. But senior center Scott Sypniewski is the only experienced lineman.

Howard figures to be the No. 1 tailback, but junior college transfer Rob Davis could be a factor. Another transfer, Dave Kruse from Wichita State, should move right in as the starting quarterback.

John Creek returns to make Western's kicking game solid.

Ohio University went the junior college route as Coach Cleve Bryant continues piecing together the Bobcats' puzzle.

The Bobcats will have six junior college players on their roster this fall, most of them recruited to fill spots around top-notch offensive lineman J.D. Bradbury. That should be good news to quarterback Bruce Porter and a rushing attack headed by Jesse Owens, Keith Crawford and Chris Mobley.

Porter completed 216 of 383 passes last season for 2,281 yards and 13 touchdowns. If he posts the same type of numbers this year, Bryant, who wants a more rounded attack, will be disappointed.

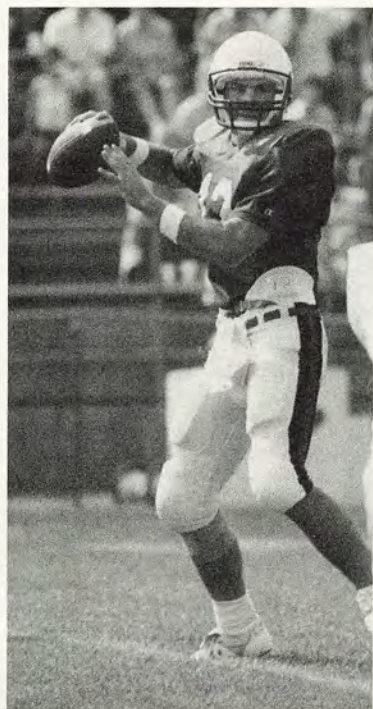
"Bruce, for the most part, carried us with his arm," Bryant said. "The problem was that many times we were reduced to being a one-dimensional team and the other teams could always put their linebackers in pass coverage. We have to be able to run the ball with some consistency. And we'll be making some changes on the line to help in that regard."

When Porter does pass, he'll find familiar targets in Bobby Cameron, who caught 50 passes last year, Cyle Feldman and Jim Geiser.

Defensively, the Bobcats were far too inconsistent and played catchup too often while opening with 10 straight losses. The best the Bobcats have to offer are linebackers Doug Mangen and John Parker, end Tom Kutz, tackle Brad O'Neil and defensive back Tom Gerhart. Ohio also sports the league's top returning punter in Mike Fultz. ■

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Ball State's Wade Kosakowski.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Central Michigan	Led by running back sensation Rodney Stevenson, the Chippewas work their way to the top.
2. Eastern Michigan	The offense is stacked with the likes of quarterback Ron Adams and running back Gary Patton.
3. Toledo	Though the loss of Tim Inglis weakens the defense, the Rockets have the horses to win the MAC title.
4. Miami of Ohio	Major graduation losses make an encore unlikely. Still, don't underestimate these Redskins.
5. Kent State	This team enters the season as the conference sleeper. Look for the Golden Flashes to surprise the pack.
6. Bowling Green St.	Despite the presence of linebacker John Hunter and quarterback Rich Dackin, the supporting cast must improve.
7. Ball State	The Cardinals are no patsies. They could sneak up a few spots.
8. Western Michigan	Having fired coach Jack Harbaugh, many people question whether it is possible to win in Kalamazoo.
9. Ohio University	The Bobcats are destined for the cellar. This is the only school without a prayer in the wide-open MAC race.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ron Adams.....	6-00	205	Senior	Eastern Michigan
Rich Dackin.....	6-02	190	Soph.	Bowling Green St.
Wade Kosakowski..	6-02	200	Junior	Ball State
Pat Young.....	5-07	170	Soph.	Kent State

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Lewis Howard.....	5-08	198	Senior	Western Michigan
Jesse Owens.....	5-11	195	Senior	Ohio University
Gary Patton.....	5-09	185	Senior	Eastern Michigan
Rodney Stevenson..	5-09	195	Junior	Central Michigan
Eric Wilkerson.....	5-09	180	Junior	Kent State

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Deon Chester.....	6-00	190	Senior	Ball State
Eric Dye.....	6-01	176	Senior	Kent State
Eric Hutchinson.....	6-00	174	Senior	Toledo
Andy Schillinger.....	6-00	187	Senior	Miami (O.)
Don Vesling.....	6-04	215	Senior	Eastern Michigan
Bob Wasczenski.....	6-02	208	Senior	Toledo

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ron Duncan.....	6-04	245	Senior	Ball State
Bob Stebbins.....	6-04	235	Senior	Central Michigan

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
J.D. Bradbury.....	6-06	295	Senior	Ohio University
Chip Curtis.....	6-03	247	Junior	Kent State
Evans Hicks.....	6-02	282	Senior	Eastern Michigan
Craig Kantner.....	6-03	270	Senior	Ball State
Jim Klohn.....	6-02	246	Senior	Kent State
George Linberger...	6-02	245	Soph.	Toledo
Brien Naylor.....	6-03	237	Junior	Kent State
Todd Olsen.....	6-04	248	Junior	Toledo
Shawn Reilley.....	6-04	250	Senior	Miami (O.)

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Scott Alferink.....	6-01	225	Junior	Central Michigan
Avis Hines.....	6-00	185	Senior	Ball State
Greg Johnson.....	5-11	235	Senior	Bowling Green St.
Jim Kramer.....	6-03	230	Senior	Western Michigan
Andrew Marlatt.....	6-04	255	Senior	Miami (O.)
Eric Miller.....	6-03	235	Senior	Eastern Michigan
Paul Sandor.....	6-04	230	Senior	Toledo
Troy Schultz.....	6-02	270	Senior	Ball State

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Joe Foley.....	6-01	221	Senior	Bowling Green St.
Greg Garnica.....	6-00	215	Soph.	Ball State
Steve Huffman.....	6-02	225	Senior	Toledo
John Hunter.....	6-03	220	Senior	Bowling Green St.
Pete Mather.....	6-00	222	Senior	Miami (O.)
Joel Smeenge.....	6-06	205	Soph.	Western Michigan
Tony Stephens.....	6-02	228	Senior	Kent State
Chris Wise.....	6-02	225	Senior	Central Michigan
Phil Zielinski.....	6-03	230	Senior	Central Michigan

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Kyle Kramer.....	6-03	177	Junior	Bowling Green St.
Denny Robinson.....	5-11	167	Senior	Western Michigan
Sheldon White.....	6-00	187	Senior	Miami (O.)
Howard Young.....	5-11	170	Senior	Central Michigan

KICKING SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
John Creek.....	5-10	172	Senior	Western Michigan
Gary Gussman.....	5-09	164	Senior	Miami (O.)
Bruce Nichols.....	6-01	203	Junior	Toledo

RETURN SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Renza Hughley.....	5-09	164	Junior	Toledo
Chris Thomas.....	5-08	200	Senior	Miami (O.)

BALL STATE

Coach: Paul Schudel (10-12, 2 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; MAC: 4-4/T5th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: Mark Boggs, OT; Carlton Campbell, TB; John Diettrich, K; Dominique Galoway, DE; Ricky George, FL; Jay Neal, FB; William Peoples, CB; John Wacker, DT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Ted Ashburn, C, 6-2/260, Jr.; Deon Chester, SE, 6-0/190, Sr.; John Cunningham, T, 6-3/275, Sr.; Ron Duncan, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; Craig Kantner, G, 6-3/270, Sr.; Wade Kosakowski, QB, 6-2/200, Jr.; Brian Outlaw, G, 5-11/275, Sr. **Defense (8):** Mose Carter, NG, 6-1/235, Jr.; Todd Finnell, CB, 5-9/160, Jr.; Greg Garnica, LB, 6-0/215, Soph.; Avis Hines, E, 6-0/185, Sr.; Troy Schultz, T, 6-2/270, Sr.; Tim Walton, LB, 6-0/225, Jr.; Darryl Wesley, S, 6-0/195, Jr.; Stanford Young, S, 5-11/180, Sr.
Key Returnees: Morris Alexander, TB, Sr.; Brennen Baker, FB, Sr.; Gary Frisby, FB, Sr.; Dave Malinski, DT, Sr.; Gene Richards, TB, Jr.; Greg Shackelford, LB, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Bill Bradford, OT (JC); Brad Fleeman, K (transfer/Wichita State); Sean Jones, FL (JC); Charles Kelly, CB (JC); Trevor Lee, FB (JC); Ron Rominger, FL (transfer/Wichita State); Mark Stevens, TB (JC); Derrick Westfield, DE (transfer/Wichita State).

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Coach: Jim Harkema (13-29-2, 4 years; 81-58-3, 14 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; MAC: 4-4/T5th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Kevin Cooney, OG; Anthony Fields, CB; Marcus Mathews, FL; Joe Palka, LB; Brett Petersmark, C; Mike Skiver, S; Ron Wendt, TE.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Ron Adams, QB, 6-0/205, Sr.; Brian Clouse, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Evans Hicks, T, 6-2/282, Sr.; Matt Klassa, T, 6-5/250, Jr.; Steve Palmateer, FB, 6-0/215, Jr.; Gary Patton, TB, 5-9/185, Sr.; Don Vesling, WR, 6-4/215, Sr. **Defense (7):** Keith Bertram, LB, 6-0/220, Jr.; Mike Burns, T, 6-4/220, Sr.; Charles Gordon, CB, 6-0/180, Soph.; Tom Menard, S, 6-0/180, Jr.; Eric Miller, E, 6-3/235, Sr.; Phil Solatka, T, 6-4/260, Sr.; Scott Wyka, LB, 6-3/210, Soph.
Key Returnees: Brian Carter, CB, Jr.; Jim Colosimo, C, Jr.; Rob Fogarty, TE, Soph. (switched from LB); Bob Foster, TB, Soph.; Jim Haefner, DT, Sr.; Mike Haynes, OG, Soph.; Jimmie Johnson, TB, Jr.; Scott Jurek, LB, Jr.; Tom Kiefer, LB, Sr.; Mark McHugh, OG, Soph.; Keith Rucker, OT, Soph. (switched from DT); Jerry Smith, S, Soph.; John Stoltisadis, S, Soph.; Tom Sullivan, QB, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Scott Handy, OG (JC); Craig Ostrander, WR (JC); Mike Szuba, DE (JC).

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Coach: Cleve Bryant (3-19, 2 years).
1986 Record: 1-10; MAC: 0-8/9th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Shawn Bonner, DB; Miles Brandon, DE; Tom Compernelle, WR; Gerard Wegesin, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** J.D. Bradbury, T, 6-6/295, Sr.; Bobby Cameron, WR, 5-11/178, Sr.; Wes Murphy, C, 6-3/251, Soph.; Jesse Owens, RB, 5-11/195, Sr.; Bruce Porter, QB, 6-1/190, Sr. **Defense (5):** Tom Gerhart, DB, 6-1/200, Sr.; Tom Kutz, E, 6-2/195, Sr.; Doug Mangen, LB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Brad O'Neill, T, 6-3/215, Sr.; John Parker, LB, 6-1/230, Jr.
Key Returnees: John Caldwell, RB, Sr.; Keith Crawford, RB/KR, Sr.; Devlin Culliver, DB, Soph.; Brian Faut, OL, Sr.; Cyle Feldman, WR, Jr.; Mike Fultz, K, Sr.; Bill Garrett, LB, Soph.; Jim Geiser, WR, Sr.; Larry Grimes, DB, Sr.; Joe Lawless, C, Sr.; Paul Miller, DB, Sr.; Chris Mobley, RB, Soph.; Kip North, DB/LB, Sr.; Anthony Pringle, DB, Soph.; Martin Rinehart, TE, Soph.; Pat Welsh, TE, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Matthew Birchmeier, DL; Terrence Davis, LB; Rich Morrow, S; John Murphy, DL; Bob Smith, OL (JC); Wayne Smith, RB; Mike Southers, DE; Anthony Thompson, QB; Jim Vivo, QB; Clifton Whicker, OG (JC); Jim Wieliczko, OL.

BOWLING GREEN STATE

Coach: Moe Ankney (5-6, 1 year).
1986 Record: 5-6; MAC: 5-3/T2nd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Gerald Bayless, TE; Dean Bryson, DB; Mike Estep, OG; Bill McCreary, OG; Mark Nelson, OT; Paul Schweitzer, LB; Phil Walker, DT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Rich Dackin, QB, 6-2/190, Soph.; Jeff Davis, TB, 5-11/205, Sr.; Ronald Heard, FL, 5-10/175, Soph.; Mike Otten, FB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Ken Rankin, SE, 5-11/150, Jr.; Ken Schriener, C, 6-3/254, Jr. **Defense (8):** Jack Coppess, T, 6-2/245, Sr.; Joe Foley, LB, 6-1/221, Sr.; Mike Holmes, LB, 6-0/178, Soph.; John Hunter, LB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Greg Johnson, NT, 5-11/235, Sr.; Kyle Kramer, S, 6-3/177, Jr.; Larry Lambright, LB, 6-3/230, Soph.; Tony McCorvey, CB, 5-10/160, Sr.
Key Returnees: Lesley Harris, DB, Jr. (RS/academics); Michael Jackson, S, Jr.; Erik Johnson, LB, Sr.; Mike Joyce, OT, Sr.; Eric Lundgren, DT, Jr.; Bill McClure, C, Sr.; Tony Parker, LB, Sr.; Eric Smith, QB, Jr. (missed seven games in '86/thumb); Ray Southard, DB, Soph. (RS/broken leg); Greg Studrawa, OT, Jr.; Reggie Thornton, WR, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Kyle Hockman, TE (transfer/North Carolina State); Brent Wasson, LB (transfer/Wichita State).

KENT STATE

Coach: Glen Mason (5-6, 1 year).
1986 Record: 5-6; MAC: 5-3/T2nd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Matt Kinney, NG; Mike Percher, DT; Mike Rodich, TE; Stuart Sims, S.
Starters Returning: **Offense (10):** Chip Curtis, C, 6-3/247, Jr.; Eric Dye, SE, 6-1/176, Sr.; Robert Golden, FB, 6-2/218, Sr.; Jim Kohn, G, 6-2/246, Sr.; Brian Naylor, T, 6-3/237, Jr.; Fermin Olivera, WR, 5-11/188, Jr.; Mike Paschall, T, 6-4/235, Jr.; Ben Stratton, G, 6-4/247, Soph.; Eric Wilkerson, TB, 5-9/180, Jr.; Patrick Young, QB, 5-7/170, Soph. **Defense (8):** Terry Crawley, T, 6-2/233, Sr.; Jamie Howell, CB, 6-2/183, Jr.; Tony Stephens, LB, 6-2/228, Sr.; Rick Taute, LB, 6-3/227, Sr.; Tim Viscuso, LB, 6-1/205, Sr.; Greg Wagner, CB, 6-0/197, Jr.; Bret Weidner, LB, 6-3/235, Jr.; Tony Wells, S, 6-2/186, Jr.
Key Returnees: Calvin Guillory, TE, Sr.; Andy Logan, DB, Jr.; Tim Phillips, QB, Sr.; Van Shelton, TB, Jr.; Eric Timko, LB, Jr.

TOLEDO

Coach: Dan Simrell (34-21-1, 5 years).
1986 Record: 7-4; MAC: 5-3/T2nd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: Dexter Clark, CB; Kelvin Farmer, TB; Tim Inglis, LB; Bryant Jones, CB; Harold McGuire, S; Marc Patton, S; A.J. Sager, QB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (9):** Bill Blazek, T, 6-4/248, Jr.; Tyler Burdick, TE, 6-5/218, Jr.; Brian Hartong, T, 6-2/253, Jr.; Eric Hutchinson, WR, 6-0/174, Sr.; George Linberger, C, 6-2/245, Soph.; Tim Olsen, G, 6-5/238, Jr.; Todd Olsen, G, 6-4/248, Jr.; John Perry, FB, 6-3/204, Jr.; Bob Wasczenski, FL, 6-2/208, Sr. **Defense (6):** Keith Dunbar, E, 6-2/221, Sr.; Brian Gabel, T, 6-4/230, Sr.; Clarence Good, MG, 6-3/228, Sr.; Steve Huffman, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Mike McCreary, E, 6-6/210, Jr.; Paul Sandor, T, 6-4/230, Sr.
Key Returnees: Matt Bayles, DT, Sr.; Bill Bergen, QB, Sr.; Jon Bowsher, S, Jr.; Pat Delaney, S, Sr.; Dewayne Fletcher, CB, Soph.; Tom Gruno, DE, Jr.; Renza Huggleby, WR/KR, Jr.; Paul Krimm, P, Soph.; Ken Moyer, OT, Jr.; Bruce Nichols, K, Jr.; David Rohrs, TB, Jr.; Brent Schneider, DE, Soph.; Doug Spidel, DT, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Doug Dunstan, QB; Steve Haddad, QB (JC); Steve Keene, QB (RS); Brian Raub, OT.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Coach: Herb Deromedi (69-25-3, 9 years).
1986 Record: 5-5; MAC: 4-4/T5th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: Mike Bruns, LB; Ben Castle, DT; Tony Elliott, S; Melvin Houston, FL; Nick Johnson, DT; Major Metcalf, SE; Rick Poljan, OG; Brian Williams, OT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Marcelle Carruthers, QB, 5-10/190, Sr. (missed much of spring/foot); Matt Dillon, G, 6-2/235, Sr.; Phil Hendrix, FB, 5-11/220, Sr.; Duncan Hogg, T, 6-3/255, Sr.; Ralph Newland, C, 6-3/230, Soph.; Bob Stebbins, TE, 6-4/235, Sr.; Rodney Stevenson, TB, 5-9/195, Jr. **Defense (7):** Scott Alferink, NG, 6-1/225, Jr.; John Rathje, CB, 6-0/195, Jr.; Durand Robertson, S, 6-1/195, Jr.; Mike Ryan, LB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Chris Wise, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Howard Young, CB, 5-11/170, Sr.; Phil Ziellinski, LB, 6-3/230, Sr.
Key Returnees: Jack Carruthers, WR, Jr.; Dave Deleka, DT, Jr.; Chris Givens, P, Soph.; John Hood, TB, Soph.; Mark Hopkins, TE, Jr.; Randy Levels, QB, Jr.; Jim Miller, DT, Sr.; Kevin Nicholl, K, Soph.; Todd Nowak, FB, Soph.; Chuck Pellegrini, OG, Jr.; Eric Reed, FL, Jr.; George Ricumstrict, LB, Jr.; Joe Siddall, QB, Soph.; Brian Smallbone, OT, Jr.; Clint Wilkerson, TB, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Myles McHaney, DT (transfer/Wichita State); Joe Siddall, QB (RS).

MIAMI OF OHIO

Coach: Tim Rose (24-20-1, 4 years).
1986 Record: 8-3; MAC: 6-2/1st.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Dave Brown, LB; Dan Dalrymple, OT; Dave Dauch, TE; Tom Graham, FB; Mike Marhofer, SE; Terry Morris, QB; Dave Slankard, LB; George Swann, TB; Mark Turner, DT; Troy White, DB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Matt Kemper, T, 6-5/274, Sr.; Shawn Reiley, C, 6-4/250, Sr.; John Schaeffer, G, 6-1/266, Sr.; Andy Schillinger, WB, 6-0/187, Sr.; Tom Schmitt, G, 6-4/268, Sr. **Defense (7):** Jeff Anderson, LB, 6-1/213, Sr.; Rob Bosart, T, 6-3/248, Jr.; Andrew Marlatt, T, 6-4/255, Sr.; Pete Mather, LB, 6-0/222, Sr.; Mike O'Dea, MG, 6-1/210, Sr.; Todd Snyder, DB, 6-1/188, Sr.; Sheldon White, DB, 6-0/187, Sr.
Key Returnees: Mike Bates, QB, Sr.; Mike Carlton, FB, Sr.; Tom Fischer, LB, Soph.; Bob Getz, DT, Sr.; Gary Gussman, K, Sr.; Jeff Happ, MG, Sr. (RS/medical); Glen Huffman, TE, Soph.; David Iafolla, LB, Soph.; Matt Konn, LB, Sr.; Mike Kusan, TE, Sr.; Bryon Moore, TB, Soph.; John Stofa, SE, Soph.; Chris Thomas, RB/KR, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Chuck Konrad, P (JC); Mark Kuzma, QB (RS); Mark Matthews, WB (RS); Mario Moore, TB (RS); Greg Wearsch, CB (RS); Jeff Willis, QB.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Coach: Al Molde (first year at Western Michigan; 106-57-6 overall, 16 years).
1986 Record: 3-8; 3-5/8th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Chris Conklin, QB; Mark Garalczyk, DT; Paul Sorce, FL; Kelly Spielmaker, TE.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Vernon Coakley, SB, 6-2/214, Jr.; Joe Glenn, RB, 5-8/211, Sr.; Jamie Hance, SE, 6-1/170, Jr.; Scott Syniewski, C, 6-3/244, Sr.; Gary VanderWeele, T, 6-6/265, Sr. **Defense (10):** Willie Berrios, S, 6-1/187, Jr.; Bert Henderson, CB, 5-9/170, Sr.; Eric Hoffman, LB, 6-2/211, Jr.; Rob Horrmann, MG, 6-4/236, Sr.; Jim Kramer, T, 6-3/230, Sr.; Terry Lewis, LB, 6-1/219, Sr.; Denny Robinson, S, 5-11/167, Sr.; Thomas Sims, LB, 6-3/218, Jr.; Joel Smeenge, LB, 6-6/205, Soph.; Chris Wagner, CB, 6-0/189, Soph.
Key Returnees: Trevor Billicke, LB, Sr.; John Creek, K, Sr.; Paul DeVries, DB, Jr.; Tad Evans, OT, Sr.; Lewis Howard, RB, Sr.; Jim Kreutzer, OG, Sr.; Chuck Ruffin, WR, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Rob Davis, RB (JC); Dave Kruse, QB (transfer/Wichita State).

Mr. Big and Mr. Bigger

Spielman, Kumerow Are Ohio State's Premier Hit Men

By TIM MAY

One of Gil Brandt's favorite places to visit is Ohio State University's football practice field.

"I think they do an outstanding job of coaching and developing players at Ohio State," said the Dallas Cowboys vice president in charge of personnel development. "On defense especially. Players come out of Ohio State disciplined and ready to work."

In a normal year, Ohio State will attract its fair share of National Football League scouts. But fall 1987 promises to be something special. There are two good reasons why NFL scouts will make Columbus a regular stop on their journeys north, south, east and west. They're called Mr. Big and Mr. Bigger.

Chris Spielman is Mr. Big of the Buckeyes defense. He's a 6-foot-2, 234-pound inside linebacker who was a consensus All-America last year as a junior and a finalist for the 1986 Vince Lombardi and Dick Butkus awards. "The most intense athlete I have ever coached," says Ohio State Coach Earle Bruce.

Eric Kumerow, alias Mr. Bigger, is a 6-6, 246-pound hunk of outside linebacker. He was an All-Big Ten performer as a junior last year and was voted the outstanding defensive lineman in the league. Ironically, he came out of high school as a quarterback. "I don't think Eric Kumerow has played his best football yet," Bruce said.

Brandt doesn't think that's the case with Spielman.

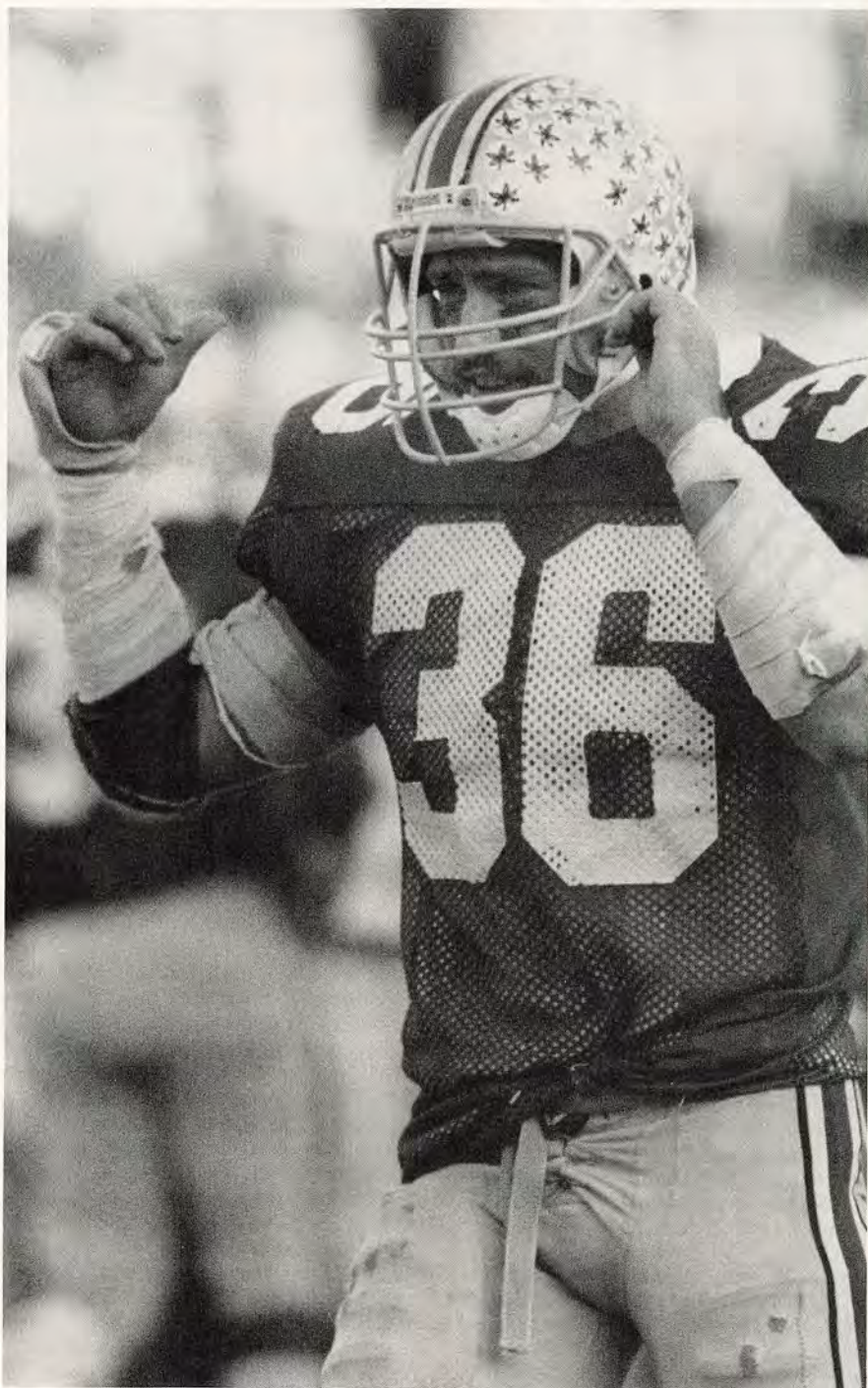
"Chris Spielman is kind of a throwback to the old-fashioned type of football player," Brandt said. "He doesn't have that Madison Avenue look. All he cares about is getting the job done."

"Obviously, Eric Kumerow doesn't get all the accolades that Spielman does, but you know it's awfully hard to have two All-America linebackers on the same team. But I think when it comes draft time next April, people will realize how good Eric Kumerow is."

Or as Bruce said of Kumerow, his awesome pass rusher, "He's like a diamond in the rough. He's going to get better and better every time he lines up."

Off the field, Mr. Big and Mr. Bigger prefer what only can be described as the lumberjack fashion look. Side by side, Spielman looks like he should be carrying an ax and chain saw; Kumerow looks like Paul Bunyan.

On the field, wearing scarlet and gray, they are dressed to kill and usually turn helpless opponents inside out. They com-



Hard-hitting linebacker Chris Spielman, a consensus All-America last year, is Mr. Big of Ohio State's stingy defense.

bine to form what is probably the best linebacking twosome in the nation this year. "Certainly they are the one-two punch of our defense," Bruce said.

And that defense could help the Buckeyes return to national prominence. With the return of eight defensive starters led by Spielman and Kumerow, Ohio State fans are thinking national championship.

The biggest name is Spielman.

He led the Big Ten by participating in 205 tackles last season and grabbed six

interceptions, a record for Ohio State linebackers. He tied Tom Cousineau's school single-game tackle record with 29 against Michigan. His two interceptions, one of which he returned for his first collegiate touchdown, and 11 tackles earned Spielman Defensive Player of the Game honors in the Buckeyes' 28-12 Cotton Bowl win over Texas A&M.

"Chris Spielman is just a highly produc-

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Hard-charging Eric Kumerow, who combines with Chris Spielman to form one of the best linebacker tandems in the nation, can be especially hard on opposing quarterbacks.

tive player. To my way of thinking, he has no weaknesses," Brandt said. "He is one of the most competitive players I've ever been around. And what he has done in big games is unbelievable—that interception he made in the Cotton Bowl is a good example."

Spielman has reached national prominence the hard way—by sheer effort. No braggadocio, no racing stripe in his hair, no controversial snipes at his coach, school or the NCAA.

"I play the game as hard as I can, and I play with a lot of confidence in my ability," Spielman said. "But I also respect the teams we play before the game and after the game."

"I guess what I'm trying to say is I really try to show people how Chris Spielman plays football by playing football, and not by doing a lot of talking, or trying to present certain images off the field."

Spielman was statistically superior to Oklahoma's outspoken, outrageous Brian Bosworth last season. Yet Bosworth walked away with the Butkus award.

"Maybe the actions other people do are for media attention. I don't know that, but it seems that way," Spielman said. "But I know everything I do, everything I say, is sincere."

"I know what I want to do in life, and that's play football as hard as I can. I'm not the type of person who is going to ridicule opponents or stick opponents' faces in it."

"But I am going to play as hard, and as mean, and as tough as I can. And play to

win. Out on the field, it's the one time when you're in your own world. You control who comes into it, who goes out of it . . . and you just let everything hang out."

When the game gets underway, Spielman is your typical, sharp-looking Ohio State football player. But the transformation into Mr. Hyde is quick and painful—for opponents. First the shirttail comes out. Then the socks go down around his ankles. Sometimes the yards of tape around his ankles loosen and flap around and always the once-clean uniform sucks up its fair share of mud and dirt.

And there was that one time in Spielman's sophomore year when his chin strap broke during a goal-line stand against Iowa. Unable to repair the damage before the next play, he flung it aside—not his chin strap, his helmet. He then dove in head first to help make a tackle.

"That's probably the dumbest thing I've ever done," Spielman said.

Perhaps. But it seems appropriate when you consider that, as a kid in Canton, O., Spielman and his friends would play football out in the street. Tackle football. Or, during the dead of winter, they would play on a frozen pond—on ice skates.

"I can remember guys going in with their skates high to make a tackle," Spielman said. "It made for a very interesting game."

Before he entered high school his family moved to Massillon, O., the cradle of high school football in a football-crazy state. His dad, Sonny, became an assistant

coach at Washington High School. Chris became the local football star.

"He was the most intense high school football player I've ever seen," Bruce said.

Spielman, coming off his All-America senior season, arrived at Ohio State amid much fanfare. But a succession of ankle injuries kept him on the sideline much of his freshman season.

"I thought he was going to crack up from being injured," Bruce said. "He wanted to play so bad. He just loves this game of football so much. As you can see by the way he's played, the last two years especially, he gives all out effort all the time. He sells out on every play."

Spielman's goal during the off-season was to add weight through an intense weight-lifting program. Offensive linemen beware: Spielman now can bench press more than 400 pounds. But Bruce says there is more to his all-everything linebacker than a manic approach to the game.

"Of all the (inside) linebackers we've had, he is the best when it comes to covering the pass," Bruce said. "He has a sense for the ball about as good as any linebacker I've ever seen. And the thing is, he loves to hit you head to head, so to play the run as strong as he does and also cover the pass, I can't see anyone any better."

There are those who will try to tell you that Kumerow could be in 1987, but Bruce prefers to stay out of that argument.

"I guess because of our situation, hav-

ing as great a football player as Chris, Eric is a very underrated football player when it comes to attention," Bruce said.

Considering that Kumerow arrived in Columbus as an All-America quarterback out of Oak Park High School in River Forest, Ill., his defensive credentials are amazing.

"I got here and Mike Tomczak was here, and Jim Karsatos, and I really didn't see myself getting the opportunity to play quarterback right away," Kumerow said. "I redshirted my freshman year, then decided to change positions in the spring."

"I thought he would move to tight end," Bruce said. "But now, looking back, his move to linebacker was a very smart thing because he likes to hit people."

Kumerow agreed. "I love to play defense," he said. "But to play linebacker at Ohio State? I'd never even thought of that when I was in high school. . . . To have some success now, I really feel good about it, but I also want to keep it going."

By midseason 1986, Kumerow was tied for the Big Ten lead in quarterback sacks with six. Opposing defenses began concentrating on the sometimes-awesome pass rusher, however, and didn't let him get another one the rest of the year. Still, he forced opposing quarterbacks to hurry and make mistakes.

"Getting a sack is probably the same feeling as scoring a touchdown on offense, especially if it's a big sack," Kumerow said. "But just getting the pressure on a quarterback, making him throw the ball before he wants to, that can be just as important."

Kumerow also discovered that brute strength is not enough. A good pass rusher has to develop some tackle-confusing moves.

"In years past, when I rushed against a tackle, I'd rush him the same way every time," Kumerow said. "Pretty soon I learned that if you rush to the face of a tackle, he's just going to grab you so there is no way to get around him. And there's no way they (officials) are going to call anything, either."

"I learned there's not just one way of doing anything. You've got to learn the ways through experience. You've got to keep those tackles honest."

Kumerow was tentative in his first two seasons as he learned the dos and don'ts of linebacking. But by midseason 1986, Spielman could see a wild man emerging.

In the Buckeyes' 14-0 Big Ten-opening win over Illinois, Kumerow recorded two sacks and caused an illegal pass to an Illinois lineman that ended a scoring threat. Shades of Ted (The Mad Stork) Hendricks, the former harasser of pro quarterbacks, observers said.

"If Eric can get that fire every week, nobody can pass-block him," Spielman said. "I guarantee that."

Kumerow said that's his goal.

"Last season I improved, but this next season, I want to play well consistently," he said. "I've still got work to do on my pass rushing and run support."

"And looking back, I had six sacks, but I had chances for six more. I had the quar-

terback right here in my hands, and I didn't finish the play for whatever reason. I don't want that to happen this year."

Kumerow prefers to sidestep talk about a potential professional career, though with his size, and 4.75-second speed in the 40-yard dash, he appears to be a shoe-in.

"I kind of take my football day by day, practice by practice," he said. "I don't like to look ahead and get all my hopes up, because any play can be your last in this game."

"I know you get tired of hearing that. After the season's over, then I'll look back, look ahead and see what happens then."

Spielman, however, doesn't mind looking ahead.

"From all indications, it looks like I am going to play pro football," Spielman said. "It's been a dream all my life. I don't know how many guys have an NFL bumper sticker hanging from their bedroom wall, a bumper sticker they look at for 20 minutes every night before they go to bed. I do."

"I have that, and I have a wall with a bunch of signs and stuff. I call it the wall of life. I've got mottos and things I've written up there. . . . It's like a locker room."

"Never be satisfied or content. Always want more and you'll compete more." To some, dreams are just that; to winners, dreams are realities."

While Spielman can't be classified as outrageous like Bosworth, there are those who think he has a few loose screws.

"I think what I have is dedication to the game and dedication to being the best football player I can be," Spielman said. "If people want to call that crazy, let them. If people think I'm merely trying to be the best I can be, then I think they're right on target."

Ditto, Kumerow said.

"I'm not satisfied," Kumerow said. "All I can do is improve. I had a good season last year, and I don't think I was playing halfway up to my potential. This year I've got to be consistent, and play every game like it's my last one."

Spielman said he would welcome Kumerow to the Ohio State maniac club. But he disputes that this will be his teammate's last season.

"When he is ready to play, I don't think there is an offensive lineman in the country that can keep him out," Spielman said. "He's 6-6, 250 and quick as a cat. He's not the kind of guy who's going to go into the weight room and bench 500 pounds, but he's naturally strong—I call it football strong."

"For him now, there's the matter of realizing how good he can be. There is a fine line between cockiness and unstoppable. If Eric ever develops that confidence, I'm telling you he is going to take linebacking to a brand new level."

Ohio State fans would settle for a national championship.

"That would be a good way to go out,"

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Who'll Fill Harbaugh's Shoes?



Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler is as elusive as Sugar Ray Leonard in a boxing ring when the conversation switches to Jim Harbaugh's replacement at quarterback.

"That decision has not been made," Schembechler said. "I may not make that decision until five minutes before our opening game."

The three candidates to replace Harbaugh, who passed for more yards than any quarterback in Wolverine history, are fifth-year senior Chris Zurbrugg and redshirt sophomores Demetrius



Demetrius Brown

Brown and Michael Taylor. If any of them has the inside track, it's Brown.

"He has the strongest and most accurate arm," Schembechler said. "He has a quick release (and) is quick of foot. . . . He can scramble real well."

Brown's shifty moves make it difficult for linemen to pin him down.

"I don't have that much experience," Brown said. "As time goes along I have to gain that experience."

Taylor, who broke his hand during the first half of the spring game, "is

the best option quarterback," Schembechler said. "He . . . has worked hard on passing and has improved in that area. But he still has a ways to go."

Taylor rarely threw deep as an option quarterback in high school.

"I always felt I had a strong arm," Taylor said, "but I never had to read coverage before. Now I know where to go with the ball."

Though Brown and Taylor run the option better than Zurbrugg—an important factor in Michigan's offense—the senior can't be counted out because of his experience. While Brown and Taylor are yet to throw their first collegiate pass, Zurbrugg started five games in 1984. He completed 63 of 113 passes for 691 yards (including a Holiday Bowl start) but has thrown just 21 passes since as Harbaugh's backup.

"It (the competition) is that way every year," Zurbrugg said. "I don't consider this year to be any different. If you are not prepared for it, then you should not come here."

—TERRY FOSTER

Kumerow said. "We've been close a couple of years, but we didn't get the job done."

Said Spielman: "Despite all my talk about the NFL, Ohio State is my Number 1 commitment right now. We want to go out big winners here, give the people something to remember."

In the meantime, he doesn't have to worry about the pro scouts forgetting. They have been taking notes for a while. ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

By MARK DUKES

Francis Peay has been convinced for years that **Northwestern** can win football games in the Big Ten Conference. But until last November, he wasn't so sure Northwestern was convinced.

Peay didn't like the signals he was getting from the university last fall, when he was the Wildcats' interim coach. In October, he removed his name from consideration for the head coaching position, citing "negative traditions at Northwestern."

"It was never adversarial on my part or the university's part," Peay said. "They were just failing to focus on the issues. All I was concerned about was opening a dialogue. I wasn't concerned about lowering academic standards or anything like that. We basically agreed to sit down and talk."

Talk wasn't cheap, Peay found. He liked what Northwestern administrators had to say, and they liked the performance of Peay's people in two season-ending victories. On November 24, two days after the second straight win, Peay accepted a five-year contract to become head coach.

Northwestern finished with a 4-7 record, its best showing since John Pont's 1973 team had the same mark. But Peay said his talk with university officials and the won-lost record are not the first steps in "a very long journey back to respectability." Peay said that journey started with Dennis Green, the coach from 1981-85. When Green left Stanford for Northwestern, he hired Peay from California to coach the Wildcat defense. Peay became the interim coach at Northwestern when Green resigned in March 1986 to become receivers coach for the San Francisco 49ers.

"Dennis was actually the first believer," Peay said. "He first had to be convinced before he could convince me. All I could do was capitalize on his foundation."

Peay didn't ask the university for an indoor facility or additional millions for the football budget. He sought merely the basics.

"Winning and losing isn't a reflection of good coaches and poor coaches," he said. "It's other factors. We needed more opportunity to train players like the other schools—simple things, really. We needed access to the weight room, a larger weight room. I just wanted the university

to address those things.

"Everybody thinks this is a hopeless situation, but I didn't think so and my players didn't think so. The players feel differently about themselves now. We'd just like to begin on even terms with everyone else and have the opportunity to win."

Northwestern ended last season on more than even terms, beating Michigan State and Illinois. The Wildcats lost by eight points to Wisconsin, seven to Iowa and one to Purdue, so a winning season was within reach.

Peay, who finished third in Big Ten Coach of the Year voting last season, said he does not expect the Wildcats to make a run at the conference championship quite yet.

"It's not going to happen overnight," he said. "Improvement will be gradual, and it may not show up in the wins and losses. Four victories last year doesn't mean in any way we've turned the corner."

But Peay believes the Wildcats are moving in the right direction. For once, the Wildcats will enter the season with some momentum from the previous campaign. Plus, 13 starters are back.

Leading the Northwestern offense will be senior quarterback Mike Greenfield, a tough runner and consistent passer who was third in the league in total offense (2,071 yards) last year. He holds numerous school records and has started 27 straight games.

"He's the perfect kid to be your leader," Peay said. "He's a real quiet kid, yet he has the confident spark in him."

Senior halfback Stanley Davenport rushed for 703 yards last season despite starting only five games. His interference will be led by guards Steve Hofmann and Tom Nicklas and tackles Mike Baum and Jeff Stainton.

The defensive line was riddled by graduation, but linebacker Tom Kaukialo and safety Brett Whitley anchor the stronger portions of the defense.

The Wildcats' most notable losses were tight end Rich Borresen and placekicker John Duvic, but Peay has promising replacements on hand for the two all-conference picks. Three-year letterman Bob Driscoll, who led the team in yards per reception (16.4) last year, will take over for Borresen, while sophomore Ira Adler was a standout kicker in high school.

At the other end of the 1986 Big Ten standings were two familiar teams, Ohio State and Michigan. They tied for the championship, and they should be in contention again when they collide November 21 in Ann Arbor.

Ohio State rebounded from a 26-24 loss to the Wolverines in last year's closer by thumping Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl, 28-12. It was the Buckeyes' fifth bowl triumph in the last six years.

Fifteen starters return from that 9-3 team. Although Ohio State lost quarterback Jim Karsatos and three All-Big Ten players—center Bob Maggs, tight end Ed Taggart and defensive back Sonny Gordon—the Buckeyes will have few soft spots.

The receiving corps certainly isn't one

of them. Split end Cris Carter earned consensus All-America honors as a junior after breaking his own school records with 65 receptions for 1,066 yards and 11 touchdowns in the regular season. Coach Earle Bruce suspended Carter midway through spring practice for breaking unspecified team rules, but he was reinstated in May.

The pass-catching unit also features flankers Nate Harris (24 receptions) and Everett Ross, who led the Buckeyes in yards per catch (20.4).

With Karsatos gone, senior Tom Tupa, one of the league's top punters (43.6-yard average), will move up to No. 1 quarterback. In backup duty last season, Tupa completed 27 of 41 passes for 375 yards and three touchdowns.

"Tom has played and done well in the heat of battle," Bruce said. "We used him several times last year when the game was in doubt and he got the job done. Tom is a different type of quarterback than Jim, and we need to work on some things that feature him."

Bruce also is high on another quarterback, redshirt freshman Greg Frey.

To replace Maggs, Bruce moved Jeff Uhlenhake, an all-conference guard a year ago, to center. Taking over at left guard will be sophomore Jeff Davidson, who started in the Cotton Bowl. Tackle Joe Staysniak and guard Greg Zackeroff also return up front.

Last year's top two tailbacks and fullbacks again will be running behind that front. Tailback Vince Workman rushed for 985 yards last season and his backup, Jaymes Bryant, gained 653. When he wasn't blocking, fullback George Cooper was tough to stop. Cooper had 411 yards rushing and six touchdowns and lost only five yards in 100 carries.

The Buckeyes weren't averse to giving up yardage last season, but they were able to keep teams from scoring. They ranked fourth in total defense but first in scoring defense and turnover margin.

Consensus All-America linebacker Chris Spielman leads a group of eight returning starters on defense. Spielman's 205 tackles (including Cotton Bowl statistics) paced the Big Ten last season, and his 105 solo stops set a school record. He and All-Big Ten pick Eric Kumerow form the best linebacking tandem in the country.

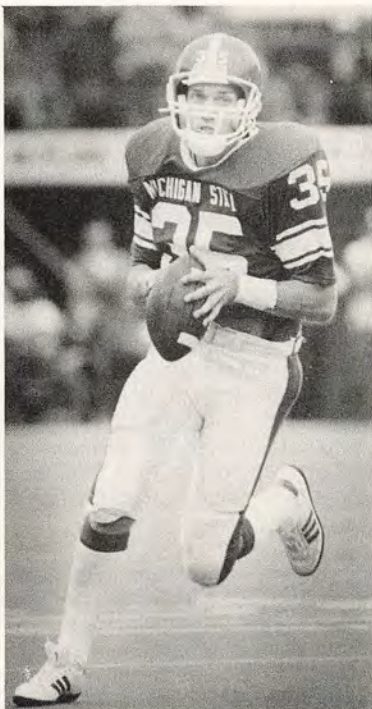
Despite the loss of Gordon, the secondary is solid. Cornerbacks William White and Greg Rogan will be starting for the fourth straight year, and safety David Brown also is back.

Bruce's only notable defensive concern is his pass rush. He will be looking for consistent play from a line anchored by sophomore tackle Mike Showalter.

Bruce found a much-needed placekicker midway through last season. Walk-on Matt Frantz took over in the sixth game and won a scholarship by making 15 of 20 field-goal tries and all 22 extra-point attempts to lead the league in scoring.

Michigan fans remember one of

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Michigan State's Todd Krumm.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Ohio State	The Buckeyes return to Pasadena. Wins over LSU and Michigan put them in contention for a national crown.
2. Michigan	The Wolverines, led by Jamie Morris, remain a threat as long as General Bo stalks the sidelines.
3. Iowa	Road games with the above hinder their chances for a conference crown, but this team has potential.
4. Michigan State	The Spartans are as talented as any team in the land but must play seven Top 40 teams in their first eight games.
5. Illinois	Coach Mike White has the Illini back on track. Opponents find it tough to score on the defense.
6. Minnesota	Quarterback Rickey Foggie heads an offense that includes Heisman candidate Darrell Thompson at tailback.
7. Indiana	The key for the Hoosiers is quarterback Dave Schnell. Bill Mallory must be commended for an excellent job.
8. Wisconsin	With a new coaching staff installing new schemes, the Badgers are a question mark.
9. Northwestern	There isn't enough talent here to win an intrasquad game, so the team's success must be attributed to Francis Peay.
10. Purdue	This squad has hit rock bottom. With Fred Akers now aboard, the Boilermakers will be winning again soon.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Rickey Foggie.....	6-01	185	Senior	Minnesota

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Rick Bayless.....	6-00	200	Senior	Iowa
George Cooper.....	6-02	246	Senior	Ohio State
David Hudson.....	6-02	230	Junior	Iowa
Keith Jones.....	6-02	209	Junior	Illinois
Jamie Morris.....	5-07	179	Senior	Michigan
Anthony Thompson.....	6-00	202	Soph.	Indiana
Darrell Thompson.....	6-02	204	Soph.	Minnesota
Lorenzo White.....	5-11	211	Senior	Michigan State

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Cris Carter.....	6-03	200	Senior	Ohio State
John Kolesar.....	6-00	188	Junior	Michigan
Greg McMurtry.....	6-03	200	Soph.	Michigan
Andre Rison.....	5-10	182	Junior	Michigan State

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Mike Flagg.....	6-06	258	Senior	Iowa
Anthony Williams.....	6-02	247	Senior	Illinois

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Glenn Derby.....	6-06	290	Senior	Wisconsin
John Elliott.....	6-07	306	Senior	Michigan
Paul Gruber.....	6-04	291	Senior	Wisconsin
Mike Husar.....	6-03	289	Junior	Michigan
Bob Kratch.....	6-04	270	Junior	Iowa
Tony Mandarich.....	6-05	297	Junior	Michigan State
Eric Moore.....	6-07	280	Senior	Indiana
Pat Shurmur.....	6-02	238	Senior	Michigan State
Jeff Uhlenhake.....	6-04	248	Junior	Ohio State
John Vitale.....	6-01	289	Junior	Michigan
Troy Wolkow.....	6-04	265	Senior	Minnesota

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
John Budde.....	6-03	230	Junior	Michigan State
Scott Davis.....	6-07	268	Senior	Illinois
Gary Hadd.....	6-05	258	Senior	Minnesota
Dave Haight.....	6-03	270	Junior	Iowa
Billy Harris.....	6-00	270	Senior	Michigan
Bill Hitchcock.....	6-06	268	Soph.	Purdue
Mark Messner.....	6-03	248	Junior	Michigan
Joe Mott.....	6-04	235	Junior	Iowa
Mark Nichols.....	6-02	252	Senior	Michigan State
Mike Piel.....	6-04	256	Senior	Illinois
Tony Visco.....	6-04	243	Senior	Purdue

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Sam Ellsworth.....	6-02	234	Senior	Illinois
Eric Kumerow.....	6-06	246	Senior	Ohio State
Andree McIntyre.....	6-01	241	Senior	Michigan
Tim Moore.....	6-03	225	Senior	Michigan State
Brad Quast.....	6-02	240	Soph.	Iowa
Chris Spielman.....	6-02	234	Senior	Ohio State
Fred Strickland.....	6-02	226	Senior	Purdue
Van Waiters.....	6-04	231	Senior	Indiana

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
David Arnold.....	6-03	196	Junior	Michigan
Bobby Dawson.....	5-10	209	Senior	Illinois
Todd Krumm.....	6-02	200	Senior	Michigan State
John Miller.....	6-02	202	Junior	Michigan State
William White.....	5-10	186	Senior	Ohio State

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Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Scott Cepicky.....	6-03	228	Senior	Wisconsin
Rob Houghtlin.....	6-00	175	Senior	Iowa
Greg Montgomery.....	6-04	215	Senior	Michigan State
Monte Robbins.....	6-04	202	Senior	Michigan
Pete Stoyanovich.....	6-00	172	Junior	Indiana
Tom Tupa.....	6-05	214	Senior	Ohio State

Frantz's missed field goals—an errant 45-yarder that would have lifted the Buckeyes over the Wolverines. But Michigan was in for some disappointment of its own when it lost to Arizona State in the Rose Bowl, the Big Ten's sixth straight defeat in Pasadena and 12th in the last 13 years.

Coach Bo Schembechler then had to say goodbye to several senior standouts, including consensus All-America cornerback Garland Rivers and all-conference performers Jim Harbaugh, Mark Hammerstein and Andy Moeller. No team must replace as many first-team picks as Schembechler.

The biggest problem will be replacing his star quarterback. Harbaugh, the Big Ten Player of the Year, led Division I-A in passing efficiency his junior season and finished second last year as the Wolverines went 11-1.

The only Michigan quarterback with any starting experience is senior Chris Zurbrugg, who started five games in 1984 after Harbaugh broke his arm. Zurbrugg will be challenged by sophomores Demetrius Brown and Michael Taylor.

The good news for Michigan is that All-Big Ten tailback Jamie Morris returns for his senior campaign. Morris, who led the league in all-purpose running last season, gained 1,039 yards rushing and is among the top Heisman Trophy candidates.

Morris is blessed with a strong and experienced offensive line. The only loss was Hammerstein, leaving 6-foot-7, 306-pound senior John Elliott, an all-conference pick who could be the nation's best tackle this year, along with tackle Mike Husar, center John Vitale and guard Michael Dames.

Michigan's top two flankers (Greg McMurtry and John Kolesar) and tight ends (Jeff Brown and Derrick Walker) are back, giving the new quarterback plenty of good targets. Kolesar missed much of last season with a broken collarbone, opening the door for McMurtry, who caught 19 passes for 449 yards. Before he was hurt, Kolesar averaged 26.8 yards on 15 receptions.

Michigan, which ranked second in the league in total defense last year, has some big holes to fill defensively. Gone are two starting linebackers, Moeller and Dieter Heren, and three of four starters in the secondary.

The line figures to be strong. All-Big Ten tackle Mark Messner and noseguard Billy Harris are All-America candidates, and fifth-year senior Dave Folkertsma is back at the other tackle spot.

Schembechler will rebuild the linebacking corps around Andree McIntyre and J.J. Grant. In the backfield, starter Erik Campbell will move from cornerback to free safety. Look for junior David Arnold to emerge as a star at cornerback.

The Wolverines have a good kicking game with Mike Gillette and Monte Robbins. Gillette was successful on 11 of 16 field-goal tries last year, including a game-winner as time expired against Iowa. Robbins was second in Big Ten punting with a 44.1-yard average.

There's talent galore at **Michigan**



Michigan's Monte Robbins is one of the top returning punters in the country.

State, giving Spartan fans reason to believe their team can contend for the Big Ten title after going 6-5 last season.

A healthy Lorenzo White could be the key to the Spartans' season. After a sophomore season in which he rushed for 1,908 yards and finished fourth in the 1985 Heisman balloting, White was slowed by knee and ankle ailments and gained just 633 yards on the ground last year.

"You go from 2,000 to 600 and that's a big difference," Coach George Perles said. "Having him at 100 percent might mean another 1,000 yards over last year, and that could be a big factor."

The blocking should be good as the line returns intact. Center Pat Shurmur and 297-pound tackle Tony Mandarich are among the best in the country at their positions.

Perles' main concern last spring was to get Bobby McAllister ready to take over at quarterback for Dave Yarema, who finished second in the Big Ten in passing efficiency. Perles has installed more option plays to take advantage of McAllister's running ability. The strong-armed junior saw limited action last year but started five games in 1985, when he completed 18 of 27 passes for 275 yards against Iowa. McAllister, however, got some strong competition for the starting job last spring from redshirt freshman Dan Enos.

McAllister will have the pleasure of throwing to All-Big Ten split end Andre Rison, who set school records with 54 re-

ceptions for 966 yards as a sophomore last fall.

Perles, a brilliant defensive coach for the four-time Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1970s, has made the Spartans one of the league's better defensive teams. They were third in total defense (second against the rush) last year.

Michigan State has nine defensive starters back, but a notable absentee is All-Big Ten middle linebacker Shane Bullough. Perles, however, said he believes the linebacking corps could be as strong as ever with Tim Moore (101 tackles) and Rob Stradley returning and sophomore Percy Snow ready to take over in the middle.

Tackle Mark Nichols and end John Budde anchor a strong line. Two position switches are likely in the secondary, with standout cornerbacks Todd Krumm and John Miller moving to free safety and strong safety, respectively.

One of the Spartans' most effective weapons figures to be Greg Montgomery. The All-Big Ten punter led the league with a 47.8-yard average last fall.

If Michigan State is to improve, it must survive a brutal stretch of five season-opening games. The Spartans open against Southern California in the first night game at Spartan Stadium, followed by Notre Dame (away), Florida State, Iowa (away) and Michigan. They also play Ohio State on the road.

Hayden Fry will tell you Michigan State isn't the only Big Ten school with a tough schedule. With seven of 12 contests on the road, **Iowa** faces perhaps its most challenging slate in Fry's ninth season.

The Hawkeyes and Tennessee will start the college football season August 30 in the Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J. Iowa also plays at Arizona, Iowa State, Michigan and Ohio State.

Despite the difficult schedule and the loss of 10 starters, Fry figures to have his team in position for a spot in the Top 20.

The biggest question in the Iowa camp: Who will play quarterback? Mark Vlasic is gone, but he was injured much of last year, giving other players an early chance to bid for his job.

Tom Poholsky was a fourth-team redshirt freshman when he was summoned to duty last year. He guided Iowa to four of its eight regular-season victories. Junior Chuck Hartlieb, who was slowed by a thumb injury last year, and sophomore Dan McGwire, perhaps the most talented of the three, saw limited action. But at the end of spring practice, Fry tabbed McGwire as the front-runner for the job.

All-America Dave Croston will be missed at left tackle, but Fry has a solid replacement in Bob Kratch, who will move over after being named All-Big Ten at guard last year. Kratch and huge Herb Wester (6-8, 295 pounds) are the only returning starters up front.

If the line develops, Iowa figures to have a strong ground game. The headliner is running back Rick Bayless, a former walk-on who gained 1,040 yards and All-Big Ten status a year ago. He'll be pushed

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ILLINOIS

Coach: Mike White (44-34-2, 7 years; 79-64-3 overall, 13 years).

1986 Record: 4-7; Big Ten: 3-5/T6th.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Mark Dennis, OT; Scott Kehoe, OG; Stephen Pierce, WR; Ed White, S.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Dave Harbourn, C, 6-4/251, Sr.; Keith Jones, FB, 6-2/209, Jr.; Jeff Markland, FB, 6-3/245, Sr.; Mark McGowan, T, 6-4/267, Jr.; Anthony Williams, TE, 6-2/247, Sr. **Defense (9):** Jim Blon-dell, NT, 6-1/258, Sr.; Scott Davis, E, 6-7/268, Sr.; Bobby Dawson, S, 5-10/209, Sr.; Sam Ellsworth, LB, 6-2/234, Sr.; Steve Glasson, LB, 6-2/224, Soph.; African Grant, CB, 6-0/198, Sr.; Jason Guard, LB, 6-2/230, Soph.; Mike Piel, E, 6-4/256, Sr.; John Wachter, LB, 6-3/224, Soph.

Key Returnees: Arael Doolittle, OT, Sr.; Stan Fit, FL, Jr.; Chad Little, P, Sr.; Lynn McClellan, RB, Jr.; Brian Menkhausen, QB, Soph.; Craig Schneider, OT, Soph.; Mike Scully, OG/C, Sr. (RS/academics); Chris Siambekos, K, Soph.; Keith Taylor, CB, Sr.; Darryl Usher, WR, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Doug Amaya, TE/LB; Mike Bellamy, WR (JC); Glenn Cobb, S (JC); Moe Gardner, NT (RS); Brad James, OT (RS); Stephen Jordan, CB (JC); Scott Mohr, QB (JC); Gus Palma, WR; Steve Shaw, RB (JC); Ken Thomas, RB (JC); Elbert Turner, WR.

INDIANA

Coach: Bill Mallory (10-24, 3 years; 109-76-1, 17 years).

1986 Record: 6-5; Big Ten: 3-5/5th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Leonard Bell, S; Stacy Dawsey, WR; Alex Green, S; Dave Kinniry, C; Dave Lilja, TE; Bob Riley, T.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Tony Buford, WR, 5-11/168, Jr.; Brian Dewitz, QB, 6-0/188, Jr. (switched to S); Ernie Jones, WR, 6-0/186, Sr.; Eric Moore, T, 6-7/280, Sr.; Tom Polce, FB, 6-1/229, Sr.; Tim Radtke, G, 6-2/265, Jr.; Don Shrader, G, 6-2/274, Jr.; Anthony Thompson, TB, 6-0/202, Soph. **Defense (8):** Willie Bates, LB, 6-2/219, Jr.; Dan Bauer, NG, 6-3/242, Jr.; Erick Coleman, CB, 6-1/183, Jr.; Walt Harris, T, 6-4/258, Jr.; Joe Huff, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Larry Luther, NG, 6-1/216, Sr. (might switch to LB); Brad Mitchell, LB, 6-2/222, Jr.; Van Waiters, LB, 6-4/231, Sr.

Key Returnees: Ken Allen, WR, Sr.; Dave Kramme, QB, Sr.; Andre Powell, FB, Sr.; Doug Schlereth, DT, Jr.; Dave Schnell, QB, Jr. (missed three games/shoulder); Pete Stoyan-ovich, K, Jr.; Dan Stryzinski, P, Sr.; Joe Ziegler, CB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Tom Bolyard, QB (JC); Vaughn Dunbar, TB; Mark Hagen, LB; Dane Kemp, DT; Eddie Thomas, WR; Rob Turner, WR.

IOWA

Coach: Hayden Fry (61-33-1, 8 years; 150-122-5 overall, 24 years).

1986 Record: 8-3; Big Ten: 5-3/T3rd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 5-2.

Key Losses: Dave Croston, OT; George Davis, LB; Jeff Drost, DT; Bruce Gear, DE; Ken Sims, CB; Mark Sindlinger, C; Mark Vlasic, QB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Richard Bass, FB, 5-9/215, Soph.; Rick Bayless, RB, 6-0/200, Sr.; Quinn Early, WB, 6-0/187, Sr.; Mike Flagg, TE, 6-6/258, Sr.; Bob Kratch, G/T, 6-4/270, Jr.; Jim Mauro, SE, 6-1/190, Sr.; Herb Wester, T, 6-8/295, Sr. **Defense (5):** Kerry Burt, S, 6-1/207, Sr. (missed spring/back); Dave Haight, NG, 6-3/270, Jr.; Joe Mott, E, 6-4/235, Jr.; Brad Quast, LB, 6-2/240, Soph.; Keaton Smiley, CB, 6-0/175, Jr.

Key Returnees: Dave Alexander, OT, Sr.; Bill Anderson, C, Soph.; Mike Burke, DE, Jr.; Marv Cook, TE, Jr.; Greg Davis, OG, Jr.; Kevin Harmon, RB, Sr.; Chuck Hartlieb, QB, Jr.; Tork Hook, S, Soph.; Rob Houghtlin, K, Sr.; David Hudson, FB, Jr.; Myron Keppy, DT, Sr.; Dan McGwire, QB, Soph.; Tom Poholsky, QB, Soph.; J.J. Puk, LB, Sr.; Jim Reilly, LB, Jr.; Sean Ridley, DE, Soph.; Joe Schuster, DT, Sr.; Steve Thomas, DT/NG, Sr.; Dan Wirth, LB, Sr.; Anthony Wright, CB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Melvin Foster, LB (RS); Merton Hanks, CB (RS).



Indiana's Anthony Thompson.

MICHIGAN

Coach: Bo Schembechler (167-40-4, 18 years; 207-57-7 overall, 24 years).

1986 Record: 11-1; Big Ten: 7-1/T1st.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Tony Gant, S; Mark Hammerstein, OG; Jim Harbaugh, QB; Dieter Heren, LB; Andy Moeller, LB; Bob Perryman, FB; Garland Rivers, CB; Gerald White, FB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Jeff Brown, TE, 6-4/224, Jr.; Michael Dames, G, 6-2/258, Jr.; John Elliott, T, 6-7/306, Sr.; Mike Husar, T, 6-3/289, Jr.; Greg McMurtry, FL, 6-3/200, Soph.; Jamie Morris, TB, 5-7/179, Sr.; John Vitale, C, 6-1/289, Jr. **Defense (6):** Erik Campbell, S/CB, 5-10/171, Sr.; Dave Folkertsma, T, 6-5/263, Sr.; Billy Harris, NG, 6-0/270, Sr.; Andree McIntyre, LB, 6-1/241, Sr.; Mark Messner, T, 6-3/248, Jr.; John Willingham, LB, 6-3/235, Jr.

Key Returnees: David Arnold, CB, Jr.; Andy Borowski, C/G, Sr.; Carlitos Bostic, LB, Sr.; Demetrius Brown, QB, Soph.; Mike Gillette, K, Jr.; J.J. Grant, LB, Soph.; John Kolesar, FL, Jr.; Doug Mallory, S, Sr.; Monte Robbins, P, Sr.; Michael Taylor, QB, Soph.; Steve Thibert, LB, Sr.; Brent White, DT, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Tony Boles, TB (RS); Chris Calloway, WR/DB (RS); Leroy Hoard, FB (RS); Allen Jefferson, TB (RS); Warde Manuel, DT (RS); T.J. Osman, DT (RS).

MICHIGAN STATE

Coach: George Perles (23-22-1, 4 years).

1986 Record: 6-5; Big Ten: 4-4/5th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Dean Altobelli, S; Shane Bullough, LB; Mark Ingram, FL; Bobby Morse, FB; Dave Yarema, QB.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Mark Hill, G, 6-4/270, Jr.; David Houle, T, 6-4/276, Sr.; Tony Mandarich, T, 6-5/297, Jr.; Andre Rison, SE, 5-10/182, Jr.; Mike Sargent, TE, 6-1/239, Sr.; Pat Shurmur, C, 6-2/238, Sr.; Vince Tata, G, 6-1/265, Jr.; Lorenzo White, TB, 5-11/211, Sr. **Defense (9):** Joe Bergin, E, 6-0/248, Sr.; John Budde, E, 6-3/230, Jr.; Maurice Chamberlain, S, 6-0/188, Jr.; Travis Davis, T, 6-2/258, Soph.; Todd Krumm, S, 6-2/200, Sr.; John Miller, S, 6-2/202, Jr.; Tim Moore, LB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Mark Nichols, T, 6-2/252, Sr.; Rob Stradley, LB, 6-2/200, Sr.

Key Returnees: Willie Bouyer, FL, Jr.; Blake Ezor, TB, Soph.; Craig Johnson, TB/CB, Jr.; Bob Kula, OG, Soph.; Kurt Larson, LB, Jr.; Bobby McAllister, QB, Jr.; Greg Montgomery, P, Sr.; James Moore, FB, Soph.; Joe Pugh, FB, Soph.; Percy Snow, LB, Soph.; Jim Szymanski, E, Soph.; Matt Vanderbeek, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Dan Enos, QB (RS); Antonio Merritt, QB (JC); Lenier Payton, CB (RS); Derrick Reed, CB (transfer/SMU); Kevin Rob-bins, OT (transfer/Wichita State).

by Kevin Harmon and Kevin Ringer.

Fullbacks David Hudson and Richard Bass are solid. Hudson, a 230-pound junior, missed all or parts of seven games last fall but still finished with 468 yards (7.3 per carry).

Fry has an experienced group of receivers. The best of the bunch are split end Jim Mauro and wingback Quinn Early and tight end Mike Flagg.

Fry's primary concerns on defense are replacing tackles Jeff Drost, an all-conference pick, and Jon Vrieze and strengthening the secondary. Team-leading tackler George Davis also is gone, but fellow linebacker Brad Quast is back after an out-standing freshman year.

All-Big Ten noseguard Dave Haight is back for his junior year, and junior end Joe Mott is a potential honors candidate. Backup noseguard Steve Thomas was moved to one of the vacant tackle spots.

The defensive backfield situation worsened when safety Kerry Burt, a starter last year, missed spring drills because of a back injury. So, the only other returning starter, cornerback Keaton Smiley, worked out at strong safety in the spring.

Iowa has another of the Big Ten's many good kickers in senior Rob Houghtlin, who accounted for 76 points last year.

Indiana's improvement in '86 was highlighted by its first bowl bid in seven years and a Big Ten Coach of the Year citation for Bill Mallory.

The Hoosiers finished 6-5 in the regular season but were very close to a big year. Indiana lost two-point decisions to Ohio State, Minnesota and Purdue and a five-pointer to Illinois.

"Our approach is to keep improving," Mallory said. "We had some positive things happen last year, and we want to keep that going."

The key last year was defense, and Mallory has eight starters back, including All-Big Ten linebacker Van Waiters.

"He really came into his own last year and had a great impact on our defense," Mallory said. "He plays with his motor on all the time. I feel he's one of the better outside linebackers in the country."

Starting inside linebackers Willie Bates and Brad Mitchell, who finished second and third behind Waiters in tackles, and outside man Joe Huff all are back. That unit was further strengthened when nose-guard Larry Luther was switched to line-backer.

Even with Luther gone, the line is deep. Noseguard Dan Bauer will join tackles Walt Harris and Doug Schlereth up front.

The departure of safeties Alex Green and Leonard Bell left a couple of holes in the secondary. One will be filled by Brian Dewitz, who moved from quarterback to free safety.

That switch was made possible because Dave Kramme and Dave Schnell return at quarterback. Kramme played in nine regular-season games last year, starting three, and completed 56.1 percent of his passes for 1,166 yards. Schnell, who missed the last three games after under-going shoulder surgery, started twice.

Tailback Anthony Thompson was a

pleasant surprise for Mallory last season, rushing for 679 yards in eight games as a freshman. Though Thompson underwent arthroscopic surgery on his knee last spring, he should be at full strength by this fall. He and senior fullback Tom Polce give the Hoosiers a capable backfield.

Mallory also has a couple of good wide receivers in senior Ernie Jones and junior Tony Buford, who each had 24 receptions a year ago.

Three starters return on the offensive line, including 6-7, 280-pound Eric Moore, an all-conference candidate at tackle.

Indiana's kicking game is solid. Place-kicker Pete Stoyanovich set a school record by booting 30 extra points (including one in the Hoosiers' All-American Bowl loss to Florida State), and Dan Stryzinski averaged 41.4 yards per punt.

Like Indiana, **Minnesota** improved last season. The Gophers tied for third in the Big Ten and dealt Michigan its only league defeat.

To continue that improvement, Coach John Gutekunst said it was necessary to address two areas in preseason drills.

"I'm an old-school guy in that I believe you secure your tackle spots before you try anything," he said. "We have to find tackles and replace nine starters on defense. It's tough, but it's something of a blessing because of the good competition."

Offensive tackles Jim Hobbins and Norries Wilson have departed, opening the spots perhaps to senior Dan Rechten, a former starter, and sophomore Dan Liimata. Standout center Ray Hitchcock also must be replaced. Guard Troy Wolkow is the top returning offensive lineman.

If the patchwork up front is successful, Minnesota could have an explosive offense. Darrell Thompson burst on the scene as a freshman last season and finished as the league's Newcomer of the Year. The all-conference pick led the Gophers to a Liberty Bowl berth, rushing for a league-high 1,240 yards.

"I think his maturity and durability are what separates him from a lot of players," Gutekunst said. "He was so complete as a freshman."

Rickey Foggie is ready for his fourth season as the Gophers' quarterback. Last year he directed an offense that led the league in rushing but was last in passing.

"If we're going to have that much disparity, I'd still like to be first in rushing," Gutekunst said. "But if we're legitimately going to compete, we'll have to throw and catch the ball."

Rebuilding the defense will not be easy, although all 11 second-teamers from last year are back. Two standouts could be tackle Gary Hadd and linebacker Jon Leverenz. Gutekunst moved Ron Goetz, a backup fullback last year, to linebacker in hopes of strengthening that spot.

All-Big Ten placekicker Chip Lohmiller connected on 13 of 18 field-goal attempts last year, including a 62-yarder.

Since winning the league championship in 1983, **Illinois** has dropped to a second-



Northwestern's Mike Greenfield.

OHIO STATE

Coach: Earle Bruce (75-22, 8 years; 121-56 overall, 15 years).

1986 Record: 9-3; Big Ten: 7-1/T1st.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Losses: Sonny Gordon, S; Jim Karsatos, QB; Mike Kee, LB; Bob Maggs, C.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Cris Carter, SE, 6-3/200, Sr.; George Cooper, FB, 6-2/246, Sr.; Nate Harris, FL, 5-11/180, Sr.; Joe Staysnak, T, 6-5/286, Soph.; Jeff Uhlenhake, C/G, 6-4/248, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Vince Workman, TB, 5-11/190, Jr.; Greg Zackeroff, G, 6-5/262, Jr. **Defense (8):** David Brown, S, 6-0/184, Soph.; Derek Isaman, LB, 6-3/212, Jr.; Eric Kumerow, LB, 6-6/246, Sr.; Fred Ridder, LB/MG, 6-2/240, Sr.; Greg Rogan, CB, 5-10/187, Sr.; Mike Showalter, T, 6-4/250, Soph.; Chris Spielman, LB, 6-2/234, Sr.; William White, CB, 5-10/186, Sr.

Key Returnees: Henry Brown, OT/DT, Sr.; Jaymes Bryant, TB, Soph.; Jeff Davidson, OG, Soph.; Zack Dumas, CB, Soph.; Matt Frantz, K, Sr.; Alex Higdon, TE, Sr.; Ray Holliman, DT, Sr. (RS); Ray Jackson, S, Sr.; Everett Ross, FL, Jr.; Jay Shaffer, OT, Sr.; Tom Tupa, P/QB, Sr. **Top Newcomers:** Brian Benio, LB (RS); Ken Coleman, DT (RS); Jeff Ellis, TE; Greg Frey, QB (RS); John Kacherski, MG; Derek MacCready, DT (JC); Tony Moore, DT (RS); Carlos Snow, RB; Pat Thomas, MG (RS).

MINNESOTA

Coach: John Gutekunst (7-6, 1 year).

1986 Record: 6-5; Big Ten: 5-3/T3rd.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 5-2.

Key Losses: Mel Anderson, SE; Anthony Burke, DT; Mark Dusbabek, LB; Ray Hitchcock, C; Jim Hobbins, OT; Bruce Holmes, LB; Larry Joyner, LB; Donovan Small, S; Norries Wilson, OT.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Paul Anderson, G, 6-3/262, Sr.; Jason Bruce, FL, 6-1/195, Jr.; Rickey Foggie, QB, 6-1/185, Sr.; Craig Otto, TE, 6-3/212, Jr.; Darrell Thompson, TB, 6-2/204, Soph.; Troy Wolkow, G, 6-4/265, Sr. **Defense (2):** Steve Franklin, S, 5-11/202, Jr.; Gary Hadd, NG/T, 6-5/258, Sr.

Key Returnees: Dennis Carter, SE, Jr.; Ron Goetz, LB, Soph.; Terry Hrycak, LB, Jr.; J.J. Lennon, OG, Soph.; Tim Juneau, LB, Jr. (switched from TE); Jon Leverenz, LB, Soph.; Dan Liimata, OT, Soph.; Chip Lohmiller, K, Sr.; Steven Mayle, OG, Soph.; Charles McGree, CB, Jr.; Carlos McGee, CB/TB, Soph.; Jon Melander, LB, Soph.; Dan Rechten, OT, Sr.; Roselle Richardson, FB, Jr.; Mac Stephens, LB, Soph.; Scott Streiff, LB, Soph.; Trint Trip, DT, Jr.; Ross Ukkelberg, DT, Jr.; Brian Williams, OG, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Bob Coughlin, C (RS/switched from NG); Doug Evans, S (JC); Pat Tinglehoff, FL (RS).

NORTHWESTERN

Coach: Francis Peay (4-7, 1 year).

1986 Record: 4-7; Big Ten: 2-6/T8th.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Rich Borresen, TE; Bob Dirkes, DG; Curtis Duncan, FL; Ted Karras, DG; Todd Krehbiel, DB; John Yale, C.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Mike Baum, T, 6-5/260, Jr.; Ron Burton, RB, 5-11/200, Sr.; Mike Greenfield, QB, 6-2/185, Sr.; Steve Hofmann, G, 6-4/265, Sr.; George Jones, WR, 6-3/210, Sr.; Tom Nicklas, G, 6-5/270, Sr.; Jeff Stainton, T, 6-4/260, Sr. **Defense (6):** Alan Brown, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Dave Holding, E, 6-3/260, Soph.; Tom Kaukialo, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Rich Myers, S, 6-1/205, Sr.; Jeff Robinson, CB, 5-11/195, Jr.; Brett Whitley, S, 5-10/175, Sr.

Key Returnees: Dirk Adams, CB, Sr.; Greg Bradshaw, QB, Sr.; Marc Bumgarner, TE, Sr. (RS/medical); Stanley Davenport, HB, Sr.; Bob Driscoll, TE, Sr.; Robert Jarnack, OT, Soph.; Marcus Lang, WR, Jr.; Randy McClellan, WR, Jr.; Bill McLaughlin, CB, Sr.; Doug Pennington, LB, Sr.; John Ruden, LB, Jr.; Kevin Smith, OT, Sr.; Mike Vickery, LB, Soph. (RS); Chris Witteck, LB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Bret Dirkes, OT (JC); Doug Martin, DE (JC); Randy Rowe, RB (JC); Byron Sanders, RB (JC); Andre Walker, DT (JC); Tom Wells, LB (JC).

PURDUE

Coach: Fred Akers (first year at Purdue; 96-44-2 overall, 12 years).

1986 Record: 3-8; Big Ten: 2-6/T8th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Jack Beery, TE; Rick Brunner, WR; Jeff George (transfer/Miami, Fla.); Kevin Sumlin, LB; Todd Tyrie, C; Rod Woodson, CB. **Starters Returning: Offense (7):** Kleith Brown, G, 6-2/278, Sr.; Jerry Chaney, TB, 5-8/188, Sr.; Mike Connors, G, 6-4/272, Sr.; Bruce Crites, C, 6-2/255, Jr.; Tony Grant, FB, 6-0/230, Sr. (might switch to LB); Jim Richmond, T, 6-5/289, Sr.; Calvin Williams, FL, 5-11/192, Soph. **Defense (7):** Marc Foster, S, 5-11/192, Jr.; Bill Gilda, T, 6-1/260, Sr.; Bill Hitchcock, T, 6-6/268, Soph.; Scott Kalinoski, S, 6-1/186, Soph.; Chris Keevers, T, 6-2/262, Sr.; Fred Strickland, LB, 6-2/226, Sr.; Tony Visco, E, 6-4/243, Sr. (dislocated shoulder in spring).

Key Returnees: Jonathan Briggs, K, Sr.; Cris Dishman, CB, Sr. (RS/academics); Doug Downing, QB, Sr.; Art DuBoise, LB, Sr.; Derrick Kelson, CB, Soph.; Shawn McCarthy, QB/P, Soph.; James Medlock, FB, Sr.; Dan Payne, OT, Jr.; Lance Scheib, FL, Jr.; Calvin Williams, FL, Soph.; Jerrol Williams, LB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Scott Conover, DE (RS); Anthony Hardy, WR (transfer/Wichita State); Mike House, DT (JC); Darren Myles, TB (JC).

WISCONSIN

Coach: Don Morton (first year at Wisconsin; 70-24 overall, 8 years).

1986 Record: 3-9; Big Ten: 2-6/T8th.

Offense: Veer. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Joe Armentrout, FB; Michael Boykins, NG; Larry Emery, TB; Charlie Fawley, LB; Rick Graf, LB; Tim Jordan, LB; Jim Kmet, DT; Nate Odomes, CB; Michael Reid, LB; Dick Teets, DT; Bobby Taylor, CB; Reggie Tompkins, WR.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Brian Anderson, TE, 6-5/235, Jr.; Scott Bestor, WR, 5-11/180, Jr.; Glenn Derby, G, 6-6/290, Sr.; Paul Gruber, G, 6-4/291, Sr.; Bud Keyes, QB, 6-3/202, Jr.; Rodney Lossow, C/T, 6-3/272, Sr.; Todd Nelson, T, 6-5/270, Jr. **Defense (1):** Pete Nowka, S, 6-1/184, Jr.

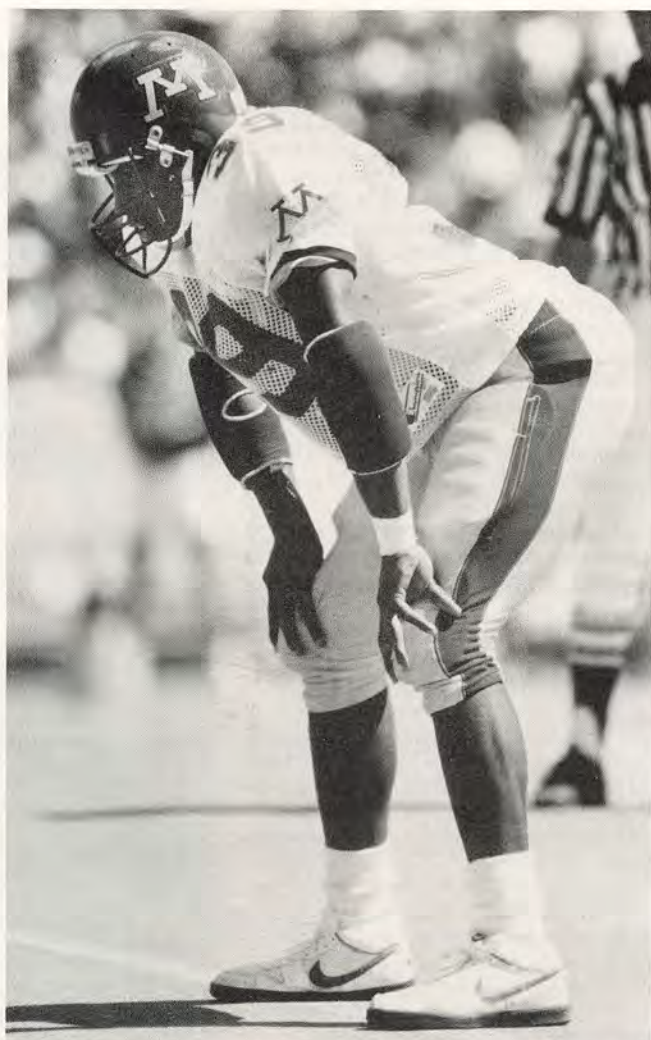
Key Returnees: Marvin Artley, FB, Jr.; John Banaszak, DT, Jr.; Dan Batsch, DT, Soph. (RS); Fred Bobo, WR, Jr.; Scott Cepicky, P, Sr.; Paul Chryst, QB, Jr.; Don Davey, DT, Soph. (RS); Eric Ford, TB, Soph. (RS); Todd Greig, K, Sr.; Leon Johnson, DT, Soph.; Scott Johnson, LB, Jr.; Brant Kennedy, TE, Sr.; Dan Kissling, LB, Soph.; Tim Knoeck, LB, Jr.; Brad Mayo, DB, Jr.; James Ross, WR, Jr.; Chad VandeZande, NG, Jr.; LaMarr White, CB, Soph.; Bill Williams, WR, Soph.; David Wings, LB, Jr.; Jeff Wolf, DT, Jr.

Top Newcomer: Tim Otto, DT (RS).

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Offensive guard Paul Gruber (left) will be creating openings for Wisconsin running backs in 1987 while



Darrell Thompson (right) will be hoping for some openings courtesy of Minnesota's offensive line.

place tie, third and then a tie for sixth the last three seasons. Coach Mike White figured something had to be done after last year's 4-7 campaign.

So, he replaced six assistant coaches and named one newcomer, Dwain Painter, his first offensive coordinator. White had directed the offense himself his first seven seasons in Champaign.

"This allows a coach to give a full-time effort to the offense, something I wasn't able to do in the past," White said. "I'll be here to oversee everything and troubleshoot."

The staff has plenty of familiar faces to work with, including 16 starters. The strength is on defense, where nine starters return. Ends Scott Davis and Mike Piel anchor a strong line, and linebackers Sam Ellsworth and Steve Glasson and safety Bobby Dawson have all-conference potential.

White said his biggest question in spring drills was at quarterback, where sophomore Brian Menkhausen is the only experienced player. Menkhausen took over for Shane Lamb midway through last season and finished with the lowest interception percentage among league quarterbacks (four in 168 attempts). Junior college transfer Scott Mohr also will be

given a shot at the job.

The Fighting Illini's top offensive players figure to be fullback Keith Jones, the league's top kick returner last year, and tight end Anthony Williams (36 receptions).

A school with even more coaching changes than Illinois is **Purdue**, which went 3-8 last fall and has had just one winning season in the last six years. The Boilermakers fired Leon Burnett and replaced him with Fred Akers, whose 86-31-2 mark in 10 seasons at Texas did not pass muster with Longhorn fans.

Akers brought in an all-new staff and focused on fundamentals in spring drills. He is looking for improvement across the board as the Boilermakers finished last in the league in every team category except passing offense (fifth).

The quarterback situation was unclear after Jeff George transferred to Miami (Fla.). The likely candidates to replace him are senior Doug Downing, who played in nine games last year, and sophomore Shawn McCarthy. The new signal-caller will work with a crew of seven returning starters, including four-fifths of the offensive line.

The defensive front also should be strong with end Tony Visco and tackle

Bill Hitchcock returning. Purdue will run a 4-3 defense with linebacker Fred Strickland (140 tackles) in the middle. The departure of consensus All-America cornerback Rod Woodson leaves a big hole in the secondary.

Besides Akers, the other new coach in the Big Ten this season is **Wisconsin's** Don Morton, who succeeded Jim Hilles. Morton has won 70 of 94 games in stints at North Dakota State and Tulsa, but victories probably will be tougher to come by in his first season in Madison.

Wisconsin has just eight returning starters, including only safety Pete Nowka on defense. The 10 second-teamers who are back from last year will need to respond.

Among the offensive returnees are top-notch guards Paul Gruber and Glenn Derby. But the squad will have to adapt to Morton's veer offense.

The kicking game is strong with the return of Todd Gregoire and Scott Cepicky. Gregoire converted 13 of 17 field-goal attempts last year, and Cepicky averaged 43 yards per punt. ■

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The Sandman Cometh

Broderick Thomas Is Cornhuskers' Coolest of the Cool

By MIKE BABCOCK

Quiet! Artist at work.
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The relentless beat of the rap music drives through his brain. The Beastie Boys. The Fat Boys. Run DMC.

"We crash through walls... knock down doors..."

Broderick Thomas smiles.

"While I'm listening to the music, I think about sacking quarterbacks, bone-crushing hits, a lot of violent stuff on the field," he says. "It gets me pumped up. Hit or be hit. Every time the bass comes around, that's another hit, and the bass comes around two or three times a second."

"I like rap. It contributes to my play. I won't play right if I don't listen. It's a part of me. I listen riding to the stadium, getting dressed. If somebody says something to me, I won't hear what they say."

You can keep your motivational tapes, save the pep talks and forget school fight songs. Give Broderick Thomas rap music. "I meditate to it," he says.

Nebraska's 6-foot-2, 235-pound junior defensive end stocked up on rap tapes over the summer because, he says, the Cornhuskers' "1987 Raisin' Hell Tour" is about to begin.

The tour, which shares its name with a Run DMC album, officially began with Nebraska's 30-15 victory over Louisiana State in the January 1 Sugar Bowl. At least that's the word from the tour's self-appointed leader, Broderick Thomas.

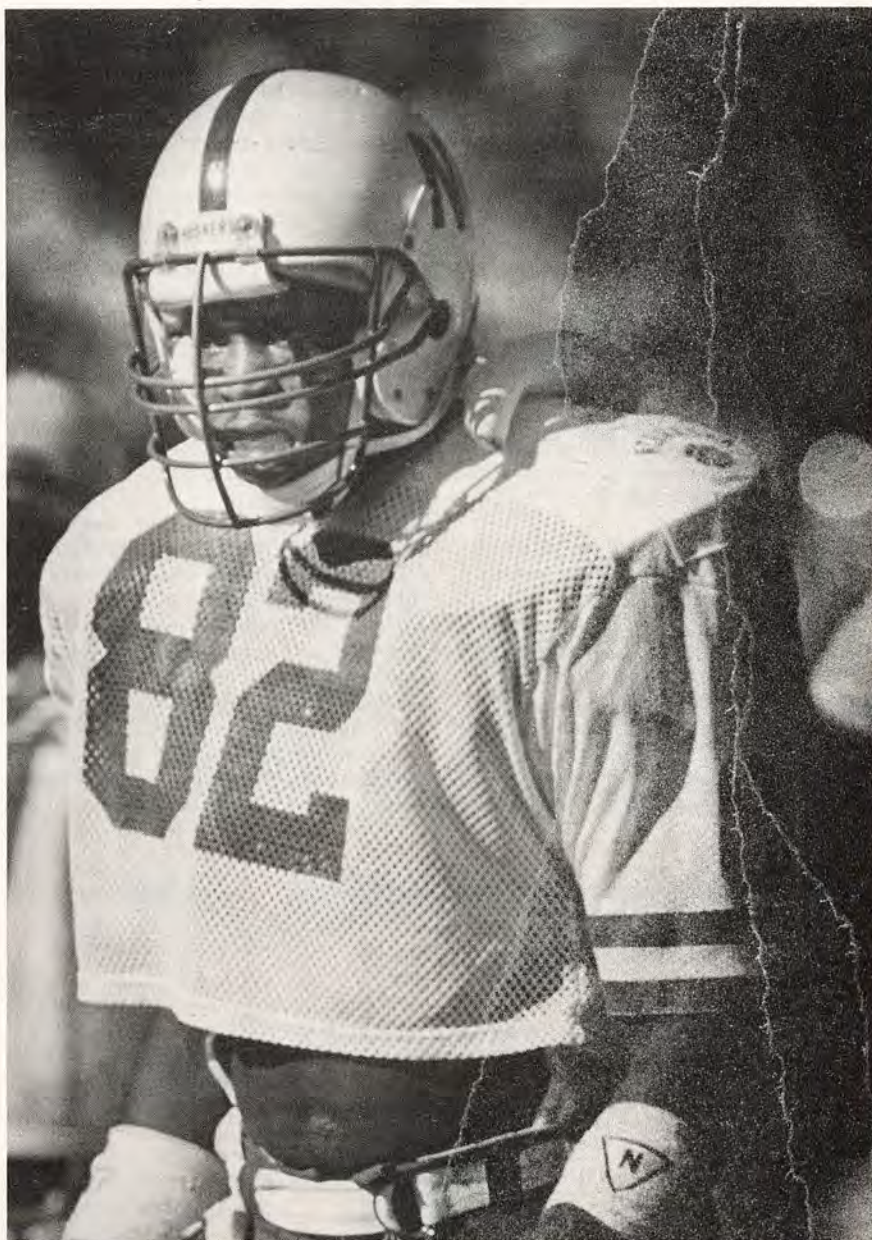
"I think we should be a great team. We're not talking about Big Eight titles or national championships. We don't need to. The games will be played," Thomas says. "And that's all I'm going to say."

At Nebraska, where the football teams traditionally assume the reserved character of Coach Tom Osborne, that's saying more than enough. Somehow, a Muhammad Ali got mixed in with all the Gary Coopers.

And all it takes is a few minutes alone with this talented athlete to let you know that Broderick Thomas is not your average, everyday Cornhusker.

He's a talker who already has developed his own personalized lexicon. For example, what would Broderick Thomas call opposing players who talk a lot during games? "I call 'em perpetrators," he says. "But guys who try to talk noise don't bother me because I'm the master of the talking game. I'm the master of the physical game. I'm the master of disaster."

Baddest of the bad and coolest of the



The hard-hitting, fast-talking Broderick Thomas is not your average, everyday Nebraska Cornhusker.

cool.

But that's not all he is. "I'm the 'Sandman,'" Thomas says, referring to a nickname bestowed upon him by a high school teammate because he "put people to sleep" with his aggressive play.

"I happen to like it," Thomas added. "As far as I'm concerned, it'll always be Broderick 'The Sandman' Thomas. It'll never be just Broderick Thomas again if I write it. Whenever I look up in the sky and see the name 'Broderick Thomas,' I'll always open it up and put 'The Sandman' in there, too."

"There's not another 'Sandman' in the world. I believe no one else is like Broderick Thomas."

He won't get much argument about that

from opposing players and writers around the Big Eight Conference. And now his reputation, both as a good quote and an exceptional player, is growing nationally. That's fine with Thomas.

"I'm working to be the best, the greatest," he says, quickly adding, "I might not achieve that goal, but I'm trying."

And so far, so good. In reality, Broderick Thomas is a lot more than the creation of his own public relations campaign.

He was a first-team All-Big Eight selection last season after making 58 tackles, including 41 unassisted and 11 for losses totaling 48 yards. He also recovered eight

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BIG EIGHT

fumbles and was a key member of the team that ranked second in the nation in total defense and seventh in scoring defense.

Thomas chose Nebraska after starring for Lincoln High School in Houston, where he was selected the Houston Post's 1984 Defensive Player of the Year. He played defensive tackle in high school, lining up in a three-point stance and going after the ball.

According to Thomas, Oklahoma recruited him as a defensive tackle. If Sooners Coach Barry Switzer had been willing to let him play defensive end, "I don't know what I would have done. It was a tough decision," Thomas says.

Nebraska and Oklahoma were at the top of his list, but other possibilities were Grambling, Texas, Georgia and UCLA, all schools "I respected."

Thomas and linebacker LeRoy Etienne, a high school Parade All-America from New Iberia, La., met on a recruiting trip to Texas A&M and made a pact to become Cornhuskers.

"I told him, 'Let's hook up together and go be part of that new defense at Nebraska,'" Thomas says.

Thomas settled on the Cornhuskers because "I wanted an education, a degree, a chance to play pro ball, to be a first-round draft pick. I wanted to play at a school where they won Lombardis, Outlands and Heismans."

Nebraska has produced more than its share of award winners. Dave Rimington,

Dean Steinkuhler and Rich Glover won Outland Trophies and Lombardi Awards. Larry Jacobson won an Outland. Johnny Rodgers (1972) and Mike Rozier (1983) captured coveted Heisman Trophies.

Thomas made a quick first impression with Osborne and played varsity football as a freshman, a rarity at Nebraska. He then became only the fourth true sophomore to play defensive end for the Cornhuskers during Osborne's 14 seasons as coach. The others were Bob Martin, Jimmy Williams and Scott Strasburger.

Martin (1975) and Williams (1981) became All-Americans. Strasburger (1984) was a consensus all-conference selection as a senior.

Thomas could be the best of the bunch by the time he completes his eligibility. "He's still learning," says Charlie McBride, Nebraska's defensive coordinator. "By the middle of this season, it's going to be 'look out scout.' With him and Neil on the left side, who's going to run there?"

Neil is senior tackle Neil Smith, who stands 6-6, weighs 255 pounds and runs as fast as most backs. He's been electronically timed at 4.63 in the 40-yard dash. "Athletically, there's no one in the country better," McBride says. "He's an All-America, a first-round draft choice."

Opponents "are going to run away from us. If a back can get through the hole, he might be all right. But it'll be tough finding that hole. There'll be nowhere to run," says Thomas, who considers himself 150

percent ("a whole person and a half") better than last season.

He has trimmed his weight from 256 pounds and is lean and mean and ready to play.

"I was dying. I was hurting so bad in winter conditioning I knew I couldn't play," Thomas says. "I won't let that happen again. I'm coming to play ball. I haven't really busted down and worked hard everyday. Now I am."

Thomas likes to measure himself against Cornelius Bennett, Alabama's All-America linebacker and last season's Lombardi Award winner. "If that's what people consider 'great,' I want to see what they say this year. I want to dominate games," he says.

For all his braggadocio, Thomas is an engaging conversationalist, ever willing to stop and talk with kids.

"I try to stress to kids, 'Stay in school, leave drugs alone. If you like the way I play football, go to class, make good grades, try hard and maybe you can do it, too,'" he says.

"I'd like kids to idolize me, 'The Sandman.' If I can help kids in some way, that would be great."

His goal is to return to Houston, "go back to my community and be a help, build something to keep kids out of trouble, off the street. I want to be someone in society, have people say, 'That's Broderick Thomas. He's bettering kids' chances of getting out of this place.' I want to make life better for more people than myself."

That attitude comes from his uncle, Mike Singletary, the former Baylor star who currently plays linebacker for the National Football League's Chicago Bears.

Thomas says his philosophy of life is "100 percent from Mike."

He and Singletary have talked about his talking. "Mike says talking doesn't win games. You have to go out there and execute, do things well in order to open your mouth. The only way I'm going to open my mouth is when I'm confident," says Thomas.

The catch is, "I should always be confident because I work hard."

Thomas is as sincere about that as he is verbose. "I want to be the best," he says. "I love football."

"I go out everyday and practice as hard as I can, so I deserve to raise hell. If I'm not confident to do my job, I'll keep my mouth shut. But if I have confidence, I'll raise hell till I can't raise hell no more."

The Nebraska coaches haven't tried to stifle Thomas, though McBride admits all the talking "can put you in a bind because it gives other teams added incentive. When a kid goes out to block you, he's got a lot more determination."

Which might well have been the case when Nebraska matched up against Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl. In an attempt to intimidate Tom Hodson, the Tigers' freshman quarterback, during a pregame news conference, Thomas said:

Who'll Fill Bosworth's Shoes?



No one will mistake Dante Jones for the Boz—not off the football field.

On the field, however, it could be a different story. That's rather impressive when you realize the Boz, Brian Bosworth, was a two-time All-America and two-time winner of the Butkus Award as the nation's best college linebacker. Such players don't come along often, even at Oklahoma.

"Every big game that we've played, you can always go back and look at some big plays that Dante has made," Sooners defensive coordinator Gary

Gibbs said. "We have no qualms that he can step in and do the same kind of job Brian Bosworth has done."

Jones did just that in the final game of the 1986 season, from which the Boz was excluded. After flunking a test for steroids, Bosworth was declared ineligible for Oklahoma's Orange Bowl clash with Arkansas and later was dismissed from the team.

In the Orange Bowl, Jones, who had been alternating as a starter at weak-side linebacker, made nine unassisted

tackles, intercepted one pass and broke up another. He was named the game's Most Valuable Lineman. But Jones was so unheralded that when he received the award, he was introduced as a Razorback.

That doesn't bother Jones, the antithesis of Bosworth off the field. He wears no fancy hairstyles nor unusual clothes, and he tolerates rather than thrives on publicity.

"I try to stay in the background and not talk to reporters much," he said. "But if you want to talk to me, I'll talk."

Jones, a 6-foot-2, 225-pound senior, does not want to be compared with Bosworth.

"We're different types of players," he said. "If you try to block Brian, he will run through you. I try to run around blockers."

Said Gibbs: "We talked about them (Bosworth and Jones) in pretty equal terms. I think Dante's play against Arkansas is an indication of what kind of player he has been and can be."

—JIM WEEKS



Dante Jones

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"I don't know who their quarterback is, but I pray to God he lasts two quarters.

"He will get punished. LSU expects to get hit, and I won't disappoint. I'll bring the wood. If I don't get blocked, bring out the stretcher because somebody's going to need it."

Thomas' words brought a response from several LSU players, particularly when he was slow getting up after a play midway through the first quarter. As he lay on the artificial turf, the Tigers taunted him, yelling: "Go get the stretcher, go get the stretcher."

But Thomas was undaunted. "I didn't need a stretcher. I was just a little shaken up. I came right back and started bringing the wood.

"As long as I can walk away from the game, they can talk all day because I can play football all day."

Bringing the wood is another phrase in Thomas' lexicon.

"Everybody on our team knows what it means, but we don't share it with the outside world," he says.

Thomas often is compared to line-backer Brian Bosworth, whose willingness to articulate his feelings created many a controversy during his All-America career at Oklahoma. A television interviewer once told him he was Nebraska's version of "The Boz."

Thomas took offense. "I'm fed up with being compared to the Boz. I'm sick of that," he said.

"It's totally insulting. I'd rather not be compared to the guy. He talks a lot, but he talks in a negative way. I don't want people to think I'm just a loudmouth, because I'm not.

"He's wild. You don't know what type of person he is; his mind might go off sometime. I'm not wild. When I'm on the field, the fun is knocking somebody around. That's football. But I'm a gentle guy off the field, friendly, you know."

A 5-year-old named Matthew will attest to that. One Sunday afternoon last fall, Thomas and Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor, his roommate, attended a Midget Football game in which Matthew's brother was playing.

A coach recognized Thomas and asked him to meet Matthew, who was born without feet or hands.

"A lot of times, guys'll just say, 'Hi, kid.' But Broderick hopped down off the bleachers and picked up Matthew. The guy went out of his way, and you could see it was genuine," the coach said. "I don't think a picture could have captured it. Broderick is a pretty big guy, and Matthew is a little undersized for his age.

"I'm not usually affected by things like that, but it was really a touching scene."

Thomas still talks about Matthew. "He was the greatest little kid I've ever seen," he says.

Taylor and Thomas are living proof that opposites attract. Taylor, who's from San Diego, is as reserved as Thomas is high-profile.

But, ironically, because he plays quarterback for a high-profile football program, Taylor has generated more atten-

tion than Thomas for the better part of their first two seasons.

"Like Steve and I used to go places, and people would say, 'You're so big. You must be a football player.'" Thomas says. "But it was always, 'That's Steve Taylor.' Now people say, 'You're Broderick Thomas.'"

"It's about even right now."

Thomas and Taylor were part of what was arguably the best recruiting class at Nebraska since the NCAA established its 30-95 scholarship limitations. One national recruiting analyst rated it the best class in the country. Taylor, Thomas and Etienne were three important reasons.

And, as might be expected, Thomas arrived talking—about winning four consecutive national championships.

He's had to temper that initial enthusiasm, although, in his estimation, the Cornhuskers should have been in a position to challenge Penn State and Miami for the national title last fall.

Their chances were seriously hampered when I-back Doug DuBose was lost for the season with a knee injury, suffered during the first major scrimmage of fall camp.

"If Doug had played, we'd be sitting here waiting for the (national championship) rings right now," Thomas said in the spring.

As it worked out, the Cornhuskers couldn't even win the Big Eight title and accompanying bid to the Orange Bowl. Colorado and Oklahoma were responsible for that slight. The Buffaloes shocked the football world when they upset Nebraska, 20-10, in Boulder, and Oklahoma pulled out a dramatic 20-17 victory in Lincoln.

Quarterbacks Mark Hatcher of Colorado and Jamelle Holieway of Oklahoma are reminders of those losses. "I don't like talking about them," Thomas says. "I sweat everytime I think about them. They broke my heart.

"Those are two people I'd really like to see. I'm just waiting."

He's also eager to play Kansas State, but not because he has any score to settle with the Wildcats. He's looking forward to playing against his cousin, Vantz Singletary, who transferred to Kansas State from Blinn Junior College in Brenham, Tex.

Thomas had hoped Singletary might be able to join him at Nebraska.

Thomas, forming a tripod with his fingers, said, "Mike (Singletary) always does like this. Mike's already made it, and if we can make it, too, it'll be successful. But if one of us fails, the tripod is broken."

The tripod might have to assume another shape with the arrival of Thomas' younger brother, William, at Nebraska. William will be trying to make the freshman team as a defensive back.

William's presence "puts a little pressure on me," Broderick says with a smile. "I want him to always think I'm the best. I don't want him to ever have a doubt in his mind that someone's better than his big brother.

"He always tells people no one's better, and I want to be a good example, on and

off the field."

Broderick figures he'll have to be on his best behavior now.

"Sometimes you can mess up around here and it doesn't get back home. But he'll be here," Thomas says. Even so, having his brother as a teammate "is going to be fun."

The real fun, of course, would be competing for a national title.

"All I've got on my finger is my class ring and it's beginning to get ugly to me," Thomas says.

That's why he intends to crank up his tape player with rap music. The Beastie Boys, Run DMC, and his favorites, the Fat Boys.

"Don't get me wrong. When I'm at home, I'm a mellow guy," Thomas says. "I don't like drinking. I'm not a bar man. When I get out, I like to dance. I get a natural high. But when I'm thinking about football, I like rap.

"It's a part of me." ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

By TOM SHATEL

The vision is all too clear for Darrell Wallace. It follows him to class, takes him to practice and sits with him in the locker room after a long afternoon's sweat. It is the vacuum in a gritty career that Wallace hopes to make complete this fall.

He wants to have a big game. In a big game.

"I want to break a big run against Oklahoma or Nebraska," said Wallace, **Missouri's** senior halfback. "I've had 100-yard games against everybody else and a 200-yard game, but it always seems that when we're playing Nebraska, I only end up with 40 or 50 yards. I'm about sick of that, to tell you honestly. This is the last go-around, and this year I think that's one of my top priorities, to have a 100-yard game against both Nebraska and Oklahoma.

"It's almost embedded in my mind. I think about it all the time—when I look at films, when I come over to practice. It seems like it's so easy against everybody else, and when we come up against them, things start buckling down."

Two years ago, Wallace rushed for just 44 yards against Oklahoma and 43 against Nebraska. Those numbers fell off last season to 38 yards against Nebraska and 31 in Missouri's forgettable 77-0 loss to the Sooners. But the Tigers generally fell behind early in those games and were forced to throw, giving Wallace fewer chances.

Other defenses have fared less well against Wallace. He gained 224 yards against Kansas State and 196 against California two years ago. His top game as a junior was 148 yards against Kansas State. He has rushed for 1,992 yards over the last

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Nebraska's Brian Washington.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Oklahoma	Switzer has built a powerhouse and the Sooners again are the team to beat. Bring on the New Jersey Giants.
2. Nebraska	These men are on a mission; the Sooners and Buffs are the targets. Osborne may finally win a national title.
3. Colorado	Praise is extended to Bill McCartney for performing a bit of magic in allowing the Buffs to make a run at the crown.
4. Oklahoma State	The offensive skill-position personnel provide fireworks, but the defense dictates the number of wins.
5. Missouri	Running out of a new flexbone offense, Darrell Wallace and Tony VanZant give frustrated Tiger fans some hope.
6. Kansas	The problem here: Larry Brown is the basketball coach. The Jayhawks have decent starters but little depth.
7. Iowa State	1987 could be rocky, but with the hiring of Jim Walden, among the best in the profession, the future is bright.
8. Kansas State	The Wildcats remain the league enigma, much like the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFL.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ronnie Cameron	6-01	196	Junior	Missouri
Mike Gundy	5-11	180	Soph.	Oklahoma State
Jamelle Holieway	5-09	180	Junior	Oklahoma
Steve Taylor	5-11	190	Junior	Nebraska

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Lydell Carr	6-02	225	Senior	Oklahoma
Patrick Collins	5-10	185	Senior	Oklahoma
Keith Jones	5-10	185	Senior	Nebraska
Tony Jordan	6-03	220	Senior	Kansas State
O.C. Oliver	5-11	180	Soph.	Colorado
Arnold Snell	6-00	205	Junior	Kansas
Thurman Thomas	5-11	191	Senior	Oklahoma State
Darrell Wallace	5-07	168	Senior	Missouri
A. Weatherspoon	6-00	235	Senior	Colorado

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Willie Vaughn	6-01	185	Junior	Kansas
Hart Lee Dykes	6-04	206	Junior	Oklahoma State
Rod Smith	6-02	195	Senior	Nebraska

TIGHT END

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Keith Jackson	6-03	242	Senior	Oklahoma

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Jim Davis	6-06	260	Senior	Kansas
Mark Hutson	6-04	280	Senior	Oklahoma
Greg Johnson	6-04	295	Senior	Oklahoma
Doug Meacham	6-03	250	Senior	Oklahoma State
Anthony Phillips	6-03	280	Junior	Oklahoma
Bob Pieper	6-05	280	Senior	Kansas
Jeff Rigman	6-02	277	Senior	Missouri
Pat Ryan	6-03	260	Senior	Colorado
Keith Sims	6-03	309	Junior	Iowa State

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Jerry Deckard	6-02	206	Senior	Oklahoma State
Troy Johnson	6-02	230	Senior	Oklahoma
Curt Koch	6-08	265	Senior	Colorado
Kyle Rappold	6-00	245	Senior	Colorado
Darrell Reed	6-02	225	Senior	Oklahoma
Ricky Shaw	6-04	220	Senior	Oklahoma State
Neil Smith	6-06	265	Senior	Nebraska
Broderick Thomas	6-02	235	Junior	Nebraska

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Rick Bredesen	6-01	230	Senior	Kansas
Don DeLuzio	6-02	225	Senior	Colorado
LeRoy Etienne	6-00	225	Junior	Nebraska
Dante Jones	6-02	225	Senior	Oklahoma
Eric McCarty	6-01	225	Senior	Colorado
Chris Moore	6-02	224	Senior	Iowa State

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ricky Dixon	5-10	187	Senior	Oklahoma
Charles Fryar	5-10	170	Junior	Nebraska
Melvin Gilliam	6-02	170	Junior	Oklahoma State
Erick Harper	6-00	195	Soph.	Kansas State
Adrian Jones	6-00	171	Soph.	Missouri
Erik McMillan	6-02	196	Senior	Missouri
Mickey Pruitt	6-01	205	Senior	Colorado
David Vickers	6-04	198	Senior	Oklahoma
Brian Washington	6-01	220	Senior	Nebraska

KICKING SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Barry Helton	6-04	190	Senior	Colorado
Tom Whelihan	5-11	197	Senior	Missouri

RETURN SPECIALIST

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Dana Brinson	5-09	170	Junior	Nebraska



Diminutive running back Darrell Wallace, Missouri's secret weapon, is on the verge of becoming the Tigers' all-time leading rusher.

two seasons and is a mere 303 yards from breaking James Wilder's career rushing record at Missouri.

Not bad for a 5-foot-7, 168-pounder with bulging biceps who appears better equipped for wrestling tights than shoulder pads. In addition, Wallace ground out all that yardage at a time when his team was winning just four of 22 games. No wonder he is viewed by some as the toughest player in the Big Eight.

But there are other reasons. Three years ago, Wallace's younger brother was shot to death. Darrell almost left school but gutted it out. Then last spring, his father, George (The Governor) Wallace, was shot to death in his nightclub in Nashville, Tenn., after trying to break up an argument.

And while Wallace talks of bringing a winning season back to Missouri for the first time in four years, he clearly has another goal in 1987. He has dedicated his senior year to his father. It says so in the Missouri locker room, where Wallace scribbled, "The Governor lives on in me."

"This is my last chance to get something done and get that old (winning) tradition back here," Wallace said. "It's real important because I feel like we've got too good of a team and too much talent on our team to be doing as bad as we are. I don't see any cause for it, except players not wanting it bad enough. We play in spurts. We've never played a whole game, and I think that's what hurts us."

Wearing the black and gold has hurt Wallace in the accolades department. He

is yet to receive All-Big Eight recognition, even after rushing for 1,120 yards as a sophomore and a league-high 872 yards last year. All-conference picks Keith Jones of Nebraska and Thurman Thomas of Oklahoma State gained 830 and 741 yards, respectively, in 1986.

"I feel I'm as good as any running back out there," Wallace said. "Maybe we (the Tigers) get overlooked sometimes because we're not winning. When their running backs have good games, they get front-page stories and all that because they have the tradition behind them, bowl games every year. (But) I really don't think about it that much."

Wallace's emergence as one of the league's best running backs is about all that has gone right in Coach Woody Widenhofer's first two years at Missouri. But it took Widenhofer to give Wallace, a high school All-America from Fort Campbell, Ky., a chance to shine.

Wallace redshirted at Missouri in 1983 (the Tigers' last winning season) and had just 11 carries for 63 yards in 1984 as former coach Warren Powers couldn't sit still on a running back in his last season. In 1985, Widenhofer stayed with Wallace, who responded with the 16th-best rushing average in Division I-A that season.

Now Widenhofer may be doing Wallace another favor. He has instituted a flexbone offense, a version of the wishbone that Wallace ran in high school, where he averaged "two 60-yard gains a game," he said. Wallace longs for the open field, where "no person can bring me down

without help," he said.

The new offense also will allow Wallace to return kicks this year. He was a big-play returner for the Tigers as a sophomore but did not do so last year to avoid being overworked. That is not a danger this season as the ball will be spread around the backfield in the flexbone.

"I might not carry the ball as much or gain as many yards, but they still have to worry about who's got the ball," Wallace said. "Does the running back have it? Or does the quarterback? And is he going to keep it? I think it will be a big surprise to everybody as long as we have the right attitude going into the fall and we don't come out sloppy."

The effectiveness of the new offense will depend largely on the health and effectiveness of junior quarterback Ronnie Cameron. Cameron has a strong arm and proven running ability, but he also missed two games with injuries last season and suffered a broken rib in the spring.

"I wanted to do this (the flexbone) a year ago, but I wanted to give Ronnie Cameron a chance to run a pro-style offense," said Widenhofer, whose experiment resulted in a 3-8 campaign. "I felt in college football, you have to have an option attack."

If Cameron is injured, Widenhofer can give the ball to senior Jeff Henningsen or one of several other candidates including Mike Logan, who also could play halfback or defense.

All eyes will be on freshman halfback Tony VanZant, a prep All-America who withdrew from school last fall after suffering a freak knee injury in a high school all-star game the previous summer. VanZant sat out spring drills but is expected to be ready this fall.

Wallace and a healthy VanZant and Cameron would give the Tigers a potent backfield. They will be operating behind a line that lost consensus All-America tackle John Clay, guard Phil Pettey and two other starters, but that unit was not terribly effective. Widenhofer said his line, led by senior guard Jeff Rigman, should be better.

The loss of Herbert (Junebug) Johnson and the possible move of seniors Robert Delpino and Victor Moore to running back and safety, respectively, could leave the receiving corps somewhat depleted.

Tom Whelihan is one of Missouri's best offensive weapons. The senior converted 15 of 19 field-goal attempts a year ago, including a league-record 62-yarder.

Missouri's greatest improvement will have to come on defense. The Tigers ranked 94th nationally last season. But better overall team speed could translate into better results.

The strongest portion of the defense is the secondary, led by cornerback Adrian Jones, the league's Defensive Newcomer of the Year last fall, safety Erik McMillan and cornerback Pat Ray.

The move of Steve Vandegrift from linebacker to defensive end gives the Tigers an experienced line that includes

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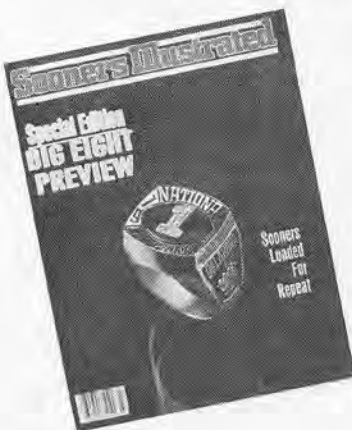
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COLORADO

Coach: Bill McCartney (20-36-1, 5 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; Big Eight: 6-1/2nd.
Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Eric Coyle, C; Jon Embree, TE; Barry Remington, LB; Darin Schubeck, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Bill Coleman, C/G, 6-4/255, Soph.; Drew Ferrando, SE, 5-11/190, Sr.; Mark Hatcher, QB, 6-0/190, Sr.; Mike Marquez, HB, 6-0/185, Sr.; Joe McCreary, T, 6-4/260, Sr.; O.C. Oliver, HB, 5-11/180, Soph.; Pat Ryan, T, 6-3/260, Sr.; Anthony Weatherspoon, FB, 6-0/235, Sr. **Defense (8):** Don DeLuzio, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Cole Hayes, T, 6-4/235, Soph.; Curt Koch, T, 6-8/265, Sr.; Mickey Pruitt, S, 6-1/205, Sr.; Kyle Rappold, NT, 6-0/245, Sr.; Tom Reinhardt, LB, 6-3/230, Jr.; Rodney Rogers, S, 6-1/190, Sr.; David Tate, CB, 6-1/175, Sr.
Key Returnees: Jeff Campbell, SE, Soph.; Lance Carl, SE, Sr.; Jo Jo Collins, SE, Jr. (RS/knee); Barry Helton, P, Sr.; Eric McCarty, LB, Sr.; John Nairn, CB/S, Sr.; Chris Symington, OG, Sr. (suspended in 1986); Arthur Walker, DT, Soph.; Troy Wolf, TE, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Sal Aunese, QB; Lee Brunelli, NT (transfer/Arizona); J.J. Flannigan, HB; Kevin May, OG (transfer/Arizona); Chris Randall, OG (transfer/Arizona State); Michael Simmons, RB (RS); Sam Sutherland, S (transfer/Stanford).



Oklahoma State's Hart Lee Dykes.

NEBRASKA

Coach: Tom Osborne (137-32-2, 14 years).
1986 Record: 9-2; Big Eight: 5-2/3rd.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: John Custard, CB (will miss '87/knee in spring); Brian Davis, CB; Marc Munford, LB; Danny Noonan, MG; Stady Parker, OG; Kevin Parsons, LB; Von Sheppard, WB; Chris Spachman, DT; Tom Welter, OT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Tom Banderas, TE, 6-3/240, Sr.; Dana Brinson, WB, 5-9/170, Jr.; Keith Jones, LB, 5-10/185, Sr.; John McCormick, G, 6-2/270, Sr.; Rod Smith, SE, 6-2/195, Sr.; Steve Taylor, QB, 5-11/190, Jr. **Defense (4):** Charles Fryar, CB, 5-10/170, Jr.; Lee Jones, DT, 6-1/245, Sr.; Broderick Thomas, E, 6-2/235, Jr.; Brian Washington, S, 6-1/220, Sr.
Key Returnees: Clete Blakeman, QB, Sr.; McCathorn Clayton, CB, Sr. (switched from QB); LeRoy Etienne, LB, Jr.; Steve Forch, LB, Sr. (RS); Lorenzo Hicks, CB, Jr.; Andy Keeler, OT, Jr.; Tyreese Knox, LB, Jr.; Keven Lightner, OT, Sr.; Todd Millikan, TE, Jr.; Jeff Mills, DE, Soph.; John Nichols, C, Sr.; Lawrence Pete, MG, Jr.; Terry Rodgers, LB, Soph.; Neil Smith, DT, Sr.; Jeff Tomjack, S, Sr.; Dante Wiley, LB, Jr.; Wendell Wooten, S, Jr. (switched from QB); Jake Young, C, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Richard Bell, WB (RS); Bryan Carpenter, FB (JC); Mickey Joseph, QB.

IOWA STATE

Coach: Jim Walden (first year at Iowa State, 44-52-4 overall, 9 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; Big Eight: 3-4/4th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Terrence Anthony, CB; Bill Berthussen, DT; Alex Espinoza, QB; Brett Lawrence, OT; Greg Litter, DT; Channon Mawdsley, C; Robbie Minor, FB; Brian Reffner, S; Darrin Tribb, LB (transfer/Purdue).
Starters Returning: **Offense (4):** Joe Henderson, FB, 6-0/200, Jr.; Dennis Ross, SE, 6-3/193, Jr.; Keith Sims, T, 6-3/309, Jr.; Tom Stawniak, TE, 6-5/249, Sr. (switched to DE). **Defense (3):** Scott Benson, E, 6-3/246, Sr.; Robert Dabney, E, 6-4/220, Sr.; Chris Moore, LB, 6-2/224, Sr.
Key Returnees: Randy Bern, DT, Soph.; Joe Blankenship, CB, Soph.; Eddie Bridges, SE, Sr.; Michael Brown, TB, Soph.; Mike Busch, TE, Soph.; Derek DeGennaro, QB, Jr.; Jeff Dole, S, Jr.; David Heyn, C, Jr.; Anthony Hoskins, LB, Jr.; Marcus Lester, TE, Soph.; Randy Richards, LB, Sr. (missed 1986/back); Brett Sadek, QB, Sr.; Ken Sandbloom, DT, Sr.; Tom Schulting, FL, Sr.; Curtis Warren, TB, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Adam Beck, DB; Ray Carreathers, DB (JC); Judge Johnson, P (JC); Rich Moore, C (JC); Marcus Robertson, DB; Jeff Shudak, K (RS); Lopez Williams, DB (JC).

KANSAS STATE

Coach: Stan Parrish (2-9, 1 year; 57-20-2 overall, 8 years).
1986 Record: 2-9; Big Eight: 1-6/7th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 5-2.
Key Losses: Bob Bessert, OG; Clark Brown, WR; Steve Compton, CB; Dana Dimel, OT; Rocky Dvorak, OT; Todd Elder, WR; Kevin Humphrey, DT; Jeff Hurd, DT; Rick Miller, CB; Chris Smith, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Matt Garver, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Rob Goode, G, 6-1/245, Jr.; Dan Hughes, WR, 5-11/165, Sr.; Tony Jordan, TB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Ray Wilson, FB, 6-1/210, Sr. **Defense (6):** David Baziel, LB, 6-3/200, Soph.; Erick Harper, S, 6-0/195, Soph.; Tyreese Herds, S, 6-0/195, Soph.; Grady Newton, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Jim Oehm, NG, 6-3/235, Jr.; Matt Wallerstedt, LB, 5-11/220, Sr.
Key Returnees: Kent Dean, TE, Sr.; Rob Easterwood, S, Jr.; Chad Faulkner, OT, Soph.; Tim Hanson, QB, Sr.; Brad Lambert, DB, Sr.; Tim MacDonald, DT, Sr.; Marcus Miller, CB, Soph.; Mark Porter, K, Jr.; David Wallace, LB, Sr.; John Williams, WR, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Chris Cobb, QB (RS); Ken Olson, P (JC); Leatrice Pickett, FB (JC); Alan Smith, LB (transfer/Wichita State); Russ Stange, OL (JC); Carl Straw, QB (RS); Gary Swim, QB (JC); Paul Watson, QB; Darrell Wyatt, WR/KR (JC).

OKLAHOMA

Coach: Barry Switzer (137-25-4, 14 years).
1986 Record: 10-1; Big Eight: 7-0/1st.
Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** 5-2.
Key Losses: Brian Bosworth, LB; Sonny Brown, CB; Steve Bryan, DT; Tim Lashar, K; Travis Simpson, C; Spencer Tillman, HB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Lydell Carr, FB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Patrick Collins, HB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Jamelle Hollaway, QB, 5-9/180, Jr.; Mark Hutson, G, 6-4/280, Sr.; Keith Jackson, TE, 6-3/242, Sr.; Greg Johnson, T, 6-4/295, Sr.; Anthony Phillips, G, 6-3/280, Jr.; Jon Phillips, T, 6-4/275, Sr. **Defense (7):** Ricky Dixon, S, 5-10/187, Sr.; Troy Johnson, E, 6-2/230, Sr.; Dante Jones, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Darrell Reed, E, 6-2/225, Sr.; David Vickers, S, 6-4/198, Sr.; Derrick White, CB, 5-9/188, Jr.; Dante Williams, NG, 6-2/270, Soph.
Key Returnees: Richard Dillon, LB, Jr.; Kert Kaspar, DE, Jr. (RS); Bob Latham, C, Jr.; Brad McBride, LB, Sr.; Eric Mitchell, QB, Jr. (switched to HB); Leon Perry, FB/HB, Jr. (missed spring/shoulder); David Shoemaker, OT/DT, Soph.; Anthony Stafford, HB, Jr.; Damon Stell, HB, Jr. (RS); Todd Thomsen, P/K, Jr.; Curtice Williams, DT, Jr.; Tony Woods, NG, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Scott Evans, DT (RS); Artie Guess, SE (RS); Proctor Land, LB; Charles Thompson, QB (RS).

KANSAS

Coach: Bob Valesente (3-8, 1 year).
1986 Record: 3-8; Big Eight: 0-7/8th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Phil Forte, DE; Steve Nave, OG; Paul Oswald, C; Wayne Ziegler, S.
Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Jay Allen, G, 6-3/250, Jr.; Ronnie Caldwell, WR, 6-0/180, Sr.; Jim Davis, T, 6-6/260, Sr. (missed spring/knee); Mike Orth, QB, 6-5/210, Sr.; Mark Parks, TE, 6-5/230, Sr.; Mike Rogers, TB, 6-0/200, Sr.; Arnold Snell, TB/FB, 6-0/205, Jr.; Willie Vaughn, WR, 6-1/185, Jr. **Defense (7):** Eldridge Avery, T, 6-3/255, Sr.; Rick Bredesen, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Scott Carlson, E, 6-6/235, Jr.; Rick Clayton, LB, 6-3/235, Jr.; Mike Fisher, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; Milt Garner, CB, 5-11/195, Sr.; Stacy Henson, LB, 6-1/235, Sr.
Key Returnees: Kelly Donohoe, QB, Soph.; Rob Foster, C, Sr.; Bryan Howard, OT, Sr. (RS/academics); Bill Hundelt, OT, Soph.; Von Lacey, OG, Sr.; Mike Long, LB, Jr.; Teddy Newman, DE, Sr.; Bob Pieper, OT, Sr. (RS/medical); Peda Samuel, WR, Jr.; David White, DT, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Tim Adams, DT (JC); Wolf Blaser, TE; Chip Budde, C (RS); Frank Hattchett, TB; Chris Nielsen, OT (transfer/Wichita State); Clint Normore, S (transfer/Wichita State); Quintin Smith, WR.

MISSOURI

Coach: Woody Widenhofer (4-18, 2 years).
1986 Record: 3-8; Big Eight: 2-5/6th.
Offense: Flexbone. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Dick Chapura, DE; John Clay, OT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (4):** Ronnie Cameron, QB, 6-1/196, Jr. (broke rib in spring); Robert Delpino, HB, 6-0/198, Sr. (switched from WR); Jeff Rigma, OG, 6-2/277, Sr.; Darrell Wallace, HB, 5-7/168, Sr. **Defense (7):** Jeff Cross, E, 6-4/253, Sr.; Darryl Darling, NT, 6-2/276, Sr.; Adrian Jones, CB, 6-0/171, Soph.; Darren MacDonald, LB, 6-1/203, Soph.; Erik McMillan, S, 6-2/196, Sr.; Pat Ray, CB, 5-10/177, Jr.; Steve Vandegriff, E, 6-5/251, Jr.
Key Returnees: Jerold Fletcher, LB, Soph.; Lee Johnson, LB, Soph.; Kenny King, CB, Jr. (suspended in spring); Craig Lammers, WR, Jr.; Cordell McKinney, S, Soph. (RS/knee, suspended in spring); Victor Moore, WR, Sr. (may switch to S); Charles Murphy, S, Soph.; Patrick Overshown, WR, Soph. (suspended in spring); Tommy Stowers, FB, Soph.; Tom Whelihan, K/P, Sr.; Kevin White, DE, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Terry Boykin, FB; Tim Brunton, TE (RS); Ben Corl, LB (transfer/Missouri Western); Smiley Elmore, HB (transfer/Wichita State); Alonzo Hamilton, FB; Mike Logan, QB/RB (RS); Charles Quint, HB; Mike Rodbro, LB (transfer/Miami, Fla.); Tony VanZant, HB.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Coach: Pat Jones (24-11, 3 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; Big Eight: 4-3/4th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Mike Hudson, S; Leonard Jackson, DT; Mark Moore, S; DeMise Williams, CB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** J.R. Dillard, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; Hart Lee Dykes, SE, 6-4/206, Jr.; Mike Gundy, QB, 5-11/180, Soph.; Doug Meacham, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Kevin Simien, FL, 6-4/202, Jr.; Chris Stanley, G, 6-5/252, Jr.; Thurman Thomas, TB, 5-11/191, Sr.; Byron Woodard, T, 6-3/297, Jr. **Defense (7):** David Bailey, T, 6-4/235, Jr.; Jerry Deckard, E, 6-2/206, Sr.; Sim Drain, LB, 6-2/215, Soph.; Melvin Gilliam, CB, 6-2/170, Jr.; Marcus Jones, T, 6-4/245, Jr.; Chris Pegram, LB, 6-1/215, Soph.; Ricky Shaw, E, 6-4/220, Sr.
Key Returnees: Heath Bobo, LB, Soph.; Milton Cockrell, CB, Jr.; Kenneth Cumby, LB, Jr.; Harold Green, CB, Jr. (switched from TB); Jarrod Green, SE, Soph.; Garrett Limbrick, FB, Jr.; Mitch Nash, TB, Jr.; Barry Sanders, TB, Soph.; Vance Vice, DT, Jr.; Ronnie Williams, WR, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Cary Blanchard, K; John Boisvert, C (JC); Fred Gaines, S; Steve Hill, CB (JC); Steve Jones, S (JC); Curtis Mayfield, WR (RS); Terence Miller, TB; Chris Smith, QB (RS); Stephen Tiesman, OT (RS); Richard Wales, LB (RS).

end Jeff Cross and nose tackle Darryl Darling. But the linebacking looms as a weak spot, especially after the transfer of team-leading tackler Terry Walker to Air Force. The team's top linebackers could be a pair of sophomores, Darren MacDonald and Jerold Fletcher.

"I think if we improve our defense, we have a chance to get over the hump," Widenhofer said.

One team that is well over the hump is **Oklahoma**. The Sooners missed out on a second consecutive national championship because of a September loss to Miami (Fla.), but the reigning Big Eight and Orange Bowl champions are not likely to suffer such setbacks this fall. Except for the annual showdown with Texas in Dallas, the Sooners' non-conference schedule is a crime: North Texas State (home), North Carolina (home) and Tulsa (away).

"The teams on our schedule are not the Miami Hurricanes or Penn State or even the old Texas," said Keith Jackson, Oklahoma's consensus All-America tight end. "But we're playing against some teams that are capable of knocking us off if we go in relaxing. But that's going to be hard to do because I don't think our team ever relaxes."

The Sooners certainly won't relax November 21, when they travel to Lincoln to meet Nebraska, which was handed a 20-17 defeat by Oklahoma last year. This game already is shaping up to be one of the most intense in the history of the rivalry.

"We learned to take no prisoners and have no mercy," said Nebraska defensive end Broderick Thomas, reflecting on the Cornhuskers' fourth-quarter collapse. "That's the only thing it showed me. We were up, 17-7, and we might have let up on them. We're going to come back and bring 60 minutes of wood this time. I don't like to think about Oklahoma right now. I start to get so emotional, I break out in a sweat."

Such words were not well received in Norman.

"The way they've been talking, they won the game" last year, said linebacker Dante Jones, a talented senior who will replace consensus All-America Brian Bosworth. "They've been telling recruits that they're going to win the national championship. But you know what? They don't have one player who's ever beaten us. The only people at Nebraska who know what it's like to beat us are their coaches."

Jackson, whose three receptions (one for a touchdown) almost single-handedly did in Nebraska last year, returns to give the Sooners tremendous blocking, pass-catching and running. Though Oklahoma doesn't throw the ball much, he got it enough (14 receptions for 403 yards and five TDs) to stake his claim as the country's finest tight end.

Oklahoma's wishbone backfield is well stocked. Coach Barry Switzer can choose from among halfbacks Patrick Collins and Anthony Stafford, powerful fullback Lydell Carr and junior Eric Mitchel, who has moved to halfback from quarterback, where he was wasting his time and talent



Safety Ricky Dixon is part of a strong, experienced Oklahoma secondary.

behind All-Big Eight pick Jamelle Holieway, the nation's top option maker.

Holieway, who led the team with 811 yards rushing last year, missed spring drills with a broken thumb, leaving red-shirt freshman Charles Thompson as the only quarterback in the spring.

The Sooners have a returning offensive line to rival any: tackles Greg Johnson and Jon Phillips and all-conference guards Mark Hutson and Anthony Phillips. The entire second team from last year, including backup center Bob Latham, also is back.

If the Sooner offense has a weakness, it is because All-Big Eight placekicker Tim Lashar is gone. That job could go to punter Todd Thomsen.

The defense returns seven starters, including three of four in the secondary. Seniors David Vickers and Ricky Dixon were all-conference safeties a year ago, and Derrick White returns at one cornerback spot.

Switzer has an outstanding pair of ends to lead his five-man defensive front in seniors Darrell Reed, a three-time All-Big Eight choice, and Troy Johnson. Both tackles are gone, but Dante Williams returns after starting at noseguard as a freshman.

Except for Jones, an alternate starter with Paul Migliazzo last year, the Sooners' linebacking unit is unproven. But the schedule probably will allow new faces at both tackles and the other linebacker to

gain experience.

"Oklahoma may have the best team they've had in many, many years," Colorado Coach Bill McCartney said. "They are not lacking for anything. . . . They'll be shooting for the (national) title. Anything less than that will be a disappointment to them."

Last year's loss to Oklahoma was the biggest disappointment for **Nebraska** and Coach Tom Osborne. But ever since the Cornhuskers walked off the Sugar Bowl field with a 30-15 victory over Louisiana State, some of them singing a chorus of "national championship in 1987," they have been looking ahead to a rematch.

No voice was louder than Thomas', an all-conference pick who called this season Nebraska's "1987 Raisin' Hell Tour."

"They say there may be a World War III, but it's not supposed to happen," Thomas said. "This (game) is going to happen. It's on the schedule."

The Sugar Bowl victory left Osborne with a fresh look toward the rematch and perhaps his first national title in 1987. Getting past UCLA at home and Arizona State on the road will be preliminaries.

"I'm not predicting anything, but we should be the kind of team that should be able to play with most anybody," he said.

Quarterback Steve Taylor, the Sugar Bowl Most Valuable Player, has the all-around skills to take over the league's total offense lead. He was fifth (808 yards passing, 537 running) as a sophomore.

It should help Taylor to be around his backfield for a second year. Senior I-back Keith (End Zone) Jones, Nebraska's fastest player ever (4.33 seconds in the 40-yard dash), had the league's best per-game rushing average (83 yards). Jones will be pushed by junior Tyreese Knox.

At wingback, the Huskers will be counting on junior Dana Brinson, who led the league in all-purpose running, because senior Von Sheppard won't return after suffering a serious knee injury in the Sugar Bowl. Senior Rod Smith, Division I's top punt returner a year ago, is back at split end.

The offensive line must be rebuilt, but that's like Lee Iacocca spitting out another Chrysler. Guard John McCormick is the only returning starter up front.

Osborne is hoping that improved speed makes up for inexperience defensively. The Huskers lost consensus All-America middle guard Danny Noonan, All-Big Eight tackle Chris Spachman, All-Big Eight linebacker Marc Munford and four other starters to graduation. Then in the spring, cornerback John Custard suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Custard will be replaced by senior McCathorn Clayton, who moved over from quarterback. Clayton joins two of the league's finest defensive backs, safety Brian Washington and cornerback Charles Fryar, cousin of former Nebraska All-America Irving Fryar.

The line is quick and talented. Thomas and tackles Neil Smith and Lee Jones will put plenty of pressure on opposing of-

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fenses. Junior middle guard Lawrence Pete should be a good replacement for Noonan, and junior LeRoy Etienne is an emerging star at linebacker.

In short, the Huskers should have little problem overcoming their various losses. Said Thomas: "The only team that can stop Nebraska this year is Nebraska."

Or **Colorado**. The Buffaloes, who registered a 20-10 upset, were the only team besides Oklahoma to do that last year. And because the Big Eight is retooling its schedule, the Colorado-Nebraska game will be in Boulder for a second straight year, just as the Nebraska-Oklahoma game will be in Lincoln again.

"Just because we beat them one time doesn't mean that we think that we've caught them or reached any pinnacles," said McCartney, whose Buffs were second in the Big Eight, their highest finish since 1976. "It's just a case of us striving to continue to improve and make progress each year, and I think we're doing that. . . .

"We're competitive. On a given day, we can play a good team on even terms. Now, whether we can sustain that over the course of a season is the challenge of this team."

The Buffaloes, who got off to a 0-4 start last year, got bad news in the spring when All-Big Eight defensive tackle Curt Koch and linebacker Don DeLuzio were injured by a hit-and-run driver. DeLuzio, a fierce tackler, suffered a broken leg but is expected to heal in time for the season. Koch, who had loomed as an Outland Trophy candidate, suffered serious knee injuries but chose to forgo surgery that would have held him out this season. Koch is banking on a summer of rehabilitation to get himself ready.

"He probably made (the decision) for the team, but the best thing for him probably would have been to get it fixed," senior nose tackle Kyle Rappold said. "If it were myself, I'd probably be opening up an ice cream store. I don't like the odds; they'll be taking shots on his legs."

Colorado, which returns eight starters each on offense and defense, could have one of the league's best defenses if Koch and DeLuzio return to form. The line includes Rappold, who will replace Noonan as the league's premier nose tackle.

All-conference safety Mickey Pruitt, who made 106 tackles a year ago, gives the secondary a lift. Senior Eric McCarty will try to replace all-conference pick Barry Remington at inside linebacker.

The Buffs' best defense may be senior punter Barry Helton, who could become the Big Eight's first three-time consensus All-America this season. Helton led the league with a 45.6-yard average last season.

With the return of almost every player who accumulated yardage for Colorado last year, Helton might get less work this season. The addition of a couple of Proposition 48 victims from last year—quarterback Sal Aunese and halfback J.J. Flannigan—also could make the Buffs' wishbone more effective.

Flannigan will be used along with sophomore halfback O.C. Oliver and senior



Consensus All-America punter Barry Helton returns to Colorado with his 45.6-yard average.

fullback Anthony Weatherspoon, who combined for 1,249 yards rushing a year ago. They will run behind a solid line led by tackle Pat Ryan.

Aunese, an excellent option quarterback in high school, will challenge senior Mark Hatcher, the eighth-leading rusher (552 yards) in the Big Eight last year. The winner of that job will have to improve on a passing game that produced a paltry 775 yards a year ago.

The folks in Boulder don't have the market cornered on knee problems. Just ask **Oklahoma State** senior tailback Thurman Thomas, the 1985 All-America who took a wrong turn on the way to the Heisman race last summer in a pickup basketball game. With one year to go, Thomas' leg is healthier than his Heisman Trophy chances.

"The Heisman Trophy is still a dream," said Thomas, who rushed for 741 yards in 1986 after gaining 1,553 yards the year before. "It's something I want. The only way

I can do it is to come out the first couple of games and have great games."

A healthy Thomas is a must for the Cowboys, who are trying to rebound from a 6-5 season that ended a three-year bowl string. They enter the season with a solid quarterback in Mike Gundy, who was handed the job after the Cowboys got off to a 1-2 start. The gutsy rookie, a Doug Flutie double, screamed at Bosworth, improvised out of the pocket and threw for 1,525 yards to win Big Eight Offensive Newcomer of the Year honors.

As a sophomore, Gundy will push the buttons around the most talented group of skill-position players Coach Pat Jones has seen since he arrived at Oklahoma State as an assistant in 1979. Among them are tailbacks Barry Sanders and Mitch Nash and a receiving pack led by All-Big Eight split end Hart Lee Dykes, who caught 60 passes for 814 yards and seven touchdowns, tops in the league. Kevin Simien, Jarrod Green, Curtis Mayfield and former quarterback Ronnie Williams make up "the best receivers we've ever had," Jones said.

Senior guard Doug Meacham is one of three returning starters up front, where the Cowboys should be stronger and deeper than a year ago.

The offense will have to score more than last year (16.5 points per game) to help a shaky defense. Cornerback Melvin Gilliam is the only returning starter in the secondary, and junior college transfers Steve Hill and Steve Jones were disappointments in the spring.

Pat Jones will be expecting improvement from sophomore linebackers Sim Drain and Chris Pegram, who were thrown into the deep end as freshmen in 1986. The Cowboys' pass rush should be good with senior ends Ricky Shaw and Jerry Deckard back, although Shaw missed spring practice with a nagging shoulder injury.

The only new coach in the league this year is Jim Walden, who was named Jim Criner's successor at **Iowa State**. Walden left Washington State for a scenario that includes a two-year NCAA probation and dropping season-ticket sales. But the Cyclones are coming off their first winning season (6-5) since 1980, and the affable, down-home Walden, who will bring a little comedy and a lot of glibness to the Big Eight, is upbeat about his new job.

"I'm afraid I do know exactly what to expect," Walden said, laughing. "I expect to probably get whipped some. But who knows? We're not going to worry about it. We're going to get the kids to play with a certain amount of dignity and pride and try to have some fun."

The Cyclones' biggest problem will be depth, although Iowa State "has better athletic talent than when I first got there, even though there's only 50 of them," he said.

Fifty-one on scholarship, to be exact, thanks to attrition and Criner's extensive junior college recruiting. The situation is such that Walden asked for walk-on help from the student body before spring drills and got 66 responses. This fall, about 15 of

those brave souls will help out on special teams and add depth.

The cupboard wasn't completely bare when Walden arrived, but it was close. Receivers Tom Schulting and Dennis Ross and 309-pound tackle Keith Sims highlight an offense with only four starters returning. Whether junior Derek DeGennaro or senior Brett Sadek (a former starter for Minnesota) replaces departed Alex Espinoza, the quarterback will be inexperienced. The winner will run what Walden calls a "multiple, trying-to-get-things-done" offense.

Walden has only three starters back on defense. After linebacker Chris Moore (the league's leading tackler with 145) and ends Scott Benson and Robert Dabney, he'll have to do a lot of experimenting.

"We will be a lot more conservative our first year while we're trying to get our feet on the ground than I will be in years to come," Walden said, "because I'm not a very conservative coach."

And **Kansas State's** Stan Parrish is not an overly patient coach. After the Wildcats went 2-9 in his first year, Parrish went out last winter and signed 18 junior college players to improve on the Wildcats' size, speed and depth. He plans to do so again next year if necessary.

"The juco kids we got are older kids," Parrish said. "They are more physical, only have a couple years to play and have more at stake. I think they will make us more combative. I don't think we had any

alternative. I'm not worried about five years from now. I'm worried about us being a better team next fall and every fall after that."

Several recruits figure to play immediately, including fullback Leatrice Pickett, offensive lineman Russ Stange and wide receiver Darrell Wyatt, a 5-8, 160-pound speedster who also will return kicks.

The biggest junior college recruit was quarterback Gary Swim, who directed Snow (Utah) College's top-ranked passing offense. Swim is expected to replace Randy Williams, who left Manhattan after finishing last season on the bench.

The key regulars will be senior tailback Tony Jordan, who had an amazing 738 yards rushing last year for a team that totaled just 1,418 yards on the ground, senior linebacker Grady Newton and sophomore safety Erick Harper. But until further notice, this is Juco U., a plan Parrish hopes will give the Wildcats a chance against Austin Peay State, Army and Tulsa at home and the lower division of the Big Eight.

As usual, that designation includes **Kansas**, where Coach Bob Valesente's first year included embarrassing losses to rivals Kansas State (29-12) and Missouri (48-0). The Jayhawks were winless in the Big Eight.

Valesente wasn't pleased when he heard Kansas was picked to finish last again.

"To hell with the damn predictions!" the normally mild-mannered Valesente

declared. "That ticks me off."

Kansas does have its bright spots. The team's All-Big Eight selection, junior wide receiver Willie Vaughn (41 catches for 341 yards), returned to the team after briefly quitting for personal reasons in the spring. Senior Ronnie Caldwell is another good receiver. Tailbacks Arnold Snell and Mike Rogers will be running out of an I-formation instead of the run-and-shoot, which was scrapped to help Kansas sustain more offense. And the offensive line, which was plagued by injuries last year, is experienced and talented with senior tackles Jim Davis (who sat out the spring with a knee injury) and Bob Pieper (a medical redshirt) leading the way.

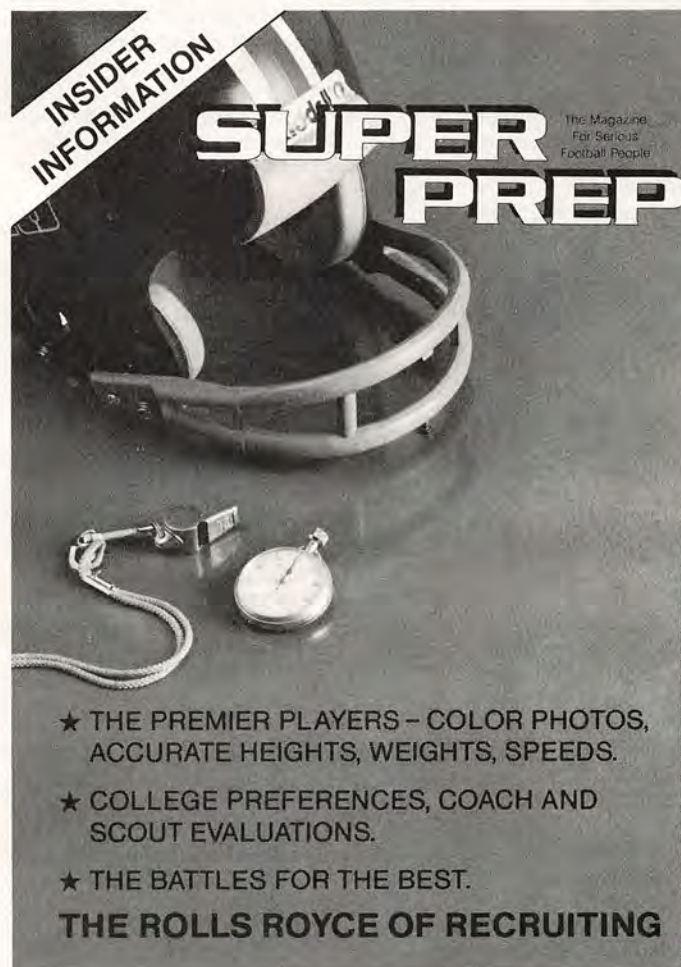
Quarterback is a question mark. Neither senior Mike Orth nor sophomore Kelly Donohoe, who replaced Orth after eight games last year, ran away with the job in the spring.

Defensively, Kansas should be better with seven starters returning. That doesn't include safety Clint Normore, a Wichita State transfer and the team's best athlete. Linebacker Rick Bredesen (106 tackles) has all-conference potential.

"We've got to get much tougher," Valesente said. "We can't expect to play in this league the way we played last year. It was a disgrace. It was embarrassing for the fans, alumni, everybody." ■

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The Battle of Cherico

Talented Arkansas Noseguard Strong In the Trenches

By KIRK BOHLS

It may come as a surprise to many that the upbringing of Francis Anthony Cherico actually had its roots in an all-boys high school in Portland, Ore., and that for the most part his behavior was entirely proper and even exemplary.

That is not to say that the oldest son of Tony and Dianne Cherico didn't have his irreverent moments at Central Catholic High School. After all, he may have worn the white-collared shirt with the navy blue cords every day like the other 250 boys, but he was no stiff shirt.

At the risk of rewriting history, let it be noted that the young Cherico observed most of the strict regimentation without recorded incident. But that qualification still left plenty of room for experimentation. While not exactly a rabble-rouser, Tony did emerge as a mover and a shaker. For instance, as an eighth-grader, Cherico organized a "This Is Your Life" retirement get-together for Sister Ann Myra Seaver, his grade-school principal.

"He wasn't into troublingmaking," Dianne Cherico recalled fondly, "but he was always an organizer. He's never been a follower, always a leader. If there was any fun and high jinks to be had, he'd be in the middle of it."

And that has pretty much been where he's stayed—in the middle of, well, everything. So, it seems entirely appropriate that the 22-year-old senior now finds himself a central figure in Arkansas' bid to win its first Southwest Conference football title since 1979 and perhaps the school's first national title ever.

At times, it has been a struggle for Cherico to remind Arkansas fans of what he does on Saturday, when he plays noseguard for the Razorbacks. It's those other troublesome six days of the week that have conspired to place the curly-haired, round-faced athlete in more awkward spots than the Beaver could apologize for in a whole season's worth of episodes. *Gee, Wally, how was I supposed to know the coach wouldn't like Ben Gay in his undershorts?*

Cherico's mischief has been directly responsible for more than one wrinkle in the furrowed brow of Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield.

"Tony is a very emotional, fun-type player," Hatfield said. "He's kept me young. He's a radical transition from the cadets I had at the Air Force Academy. I actually recruited him there. He would have fit in, but he'd have had a jillion demerits and not as much free time as he's had. He'd have had his fun, but he'd have



Noseguard Tony Cherico could be Arkansas' ticket to the Southwest Conference championship.

paid for it with marching duties the next week."

Hatfield still is not sure just which drummer's beat Cherico is marching to, but he's become accustomed to the off-beat cadence by now.

There was the time in 1985 when Cherico was suspended for one game because Hatfield found several Old Milwaukee beer cans in the room of Cherico and running back J.R. Brown in Wilson Sharp Hall one morning. That was the Old Milwaukee beer that made Cherico famous.

That same day, he got a speeding ticket. Later in the week he contracted a high fever that laid him up for three days. He also was alarmed to receive a letter from Charter Vista—a chemical dependency rehabilitation center—until he found out he was being asked to speak to kids about the dangers of alcohol.

For that matter, Cherico is an outspoken critic of drug users. He adamantly defends the right of the NCAA, whose headquarters are located about three miles from his parents' home in suburban Kansas City, to test for drugs. He also chastises those who use steroids to gain an unfair advantage on the field.

"I'm a living example that you don't need them," he said.

Cherico's next call to Hatfield's office came after Sports Illustrated published an innocent photo layout of Cherico, Brown and their dormitory pet. The roommates could not understand Hatfield's objections to their having a cuddly, personable, 6½-

foot boa constrictor. Nevertheless, they stayed and Agnes the snake relocated—within the city limits, of course, so the two could retain visitation privileges.

Cherico, who was slightly upset when Hatfield referred to the snake as "that overgrown worm," once took Agnes home with him and played a trick on the family Siamese cat, Woodrow.

"That cat jumped about 14 feet up and into the next room," Dianne Cherico said. "It didn't come out till after the snake left."

Cherico's liaison with another female once again landed Arkansas' most celebrated, if not celibate, football player in the news last season when he began dating Lesli Akers. She is the oldest daughter of Fred Akers, the former Texas coach who now is at Purdue.

Hatfield let Cherico keep this female friend, although the 44-year-old coach surely had an anxious moment or two about his playbook. But he needn't have worried. Arkansas beat Texas in Austin last season for the first time since 1966.

So adventuresome is Arkansas' freest spirit that baseball Coach Norm DeBriyn said Cherico "comes in every day asking if we need a DH or a catcher."

Such accounts are typical of Cherico's life style in the not-as-slow lane in Fayetteville, Ark. At least, those are the main stories that have seen print.

"I try to take advantage of college life because it's running out on me," Cherico said. "I'm going to make it fun. I have to be more creative, and it gets tougher and tougher. I'm on the downhill slide, but I like to get more out of it than just put my time in."

No one would argue that Cherico has made the most of his time. But then, rare is it that he merits the same headlines when he speaks to high school students about the danger of drugs. Or participates in a Big Brothers program in Fayetteville. Or spends part of each summer in a Week of Champions program in the Dallas-Fort Worth area discussing academics and leadership values with youngsters.

Those off-the-field activities get much less media attention than his more unusual adventures with snakes and coaches' daughters. So, Cherico will have to live with the off-the-field image that has been affixed to him and the on-field persona that few people ever believed he had in him.

"Tony plays at a position where people his size have a hard time excelling," Texas Tech Coach Spike Dykes said. "But when the bell rings, he sells out every snap."

Just glancing at a depth chart, opposing teams find little to worry about when they consider the prospect of blocking Cherico, a 6-foot, 238-pound noseguard. But it didn't take long to find out that simple heights and weights can be deceiving.

"He was a secret weapon as a freshman (in 1984)," said Rick Schaeffer, Arkansas'



Once the game starts, Arkansas' fun-loving Tony Cherico presents major problems for opposing quarterbacks and ballcarriers.

sports information director. "Nobody expected a scrawny kid to be that good. The only team that blocked him that year was SMU in the last game of the year."

After being redshirted his first season at Arkansas, Cherico started the first game in '84 and 33 of the 35 games that have followed. It helped that first year that six defensive linemen had left the program upon the arrival of Hatfield and his Air Force staff.

"I still tease coach (Wally) Ake about holding the record for running the most people off," Cherico said. "That spring opened a lot of doors for me, though."

As a freshman, Cherico made 67 tackles (44 solo), recovered two fumbles, broke up three passes and was named the SWC Defensive Newcomer of the Year. His

numbers dipped a bit the next two years, but that was because he started drawing an inordinate amount of attention from offensive linemen. For his career, Cherico has made 191 tackles, including 22 behind the line of scrimmage.

He played all of last season despite a painful shoulder injury that required cortisone shots before games and surgery two days after the Razorbacks lost to Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. And he played well enough to make 66 tackles and intercept one pass even though he couldn't lift his arm the day after games and would practice only on Thursdays—and even then in sweats.

Despite the obstacles of size and injury, the muscular Cherico earned All-SWC recognition for the second consecutive year.

As he completes a career in which he has become one of Arkansas' finest players ever, he can become the school's first three-time All-SWC selection since running back Ben Cowins (1976-78).

That's not too bad for a player who came to Arkansas as an offensive lineman considered too small by nearly every other Division I school in the country. In fact, the two-time all-state lineman from Lenexa, Kan., visited only two campuses, Texas Christian and Kansas, as a high school senior. And he was told that when he went to TCU as a 220-pound potential lineman, the Horned Frog coaches burst out laughing as soon as Cherico left the room.

Cherico did receive attention from other major-college programs, albeit attention like you probably got in your mailbox today from Publishers Clearing House. Notre Dame took one look and said he was too small. Nebraska sent him a letter. Doane College, that *other* football powerhouse in the state of Nebraska, was so enthralled with Cherico's talents that its scouting brain trust was ready to sign him on the dotted line as a sophomore.

"They thought I was a senior," Cherico said. "I still have the letter. I knew then I'd made it."

That last remark came with tongue placed rather firmly in cheek. It usually stays there whenever Cherico has reason to speak on his own behalf, which given the state of his popularity in Arkansas is often.

"I think I'd have a good chance of winning something in Arkansas," said Cherico, who hasn't ruled out a political career yet.

To this day, Cherico claims his coach at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Tony Severino, "did a great con job" on former Arkansas assistant Jesse Branch to sell the undersized Cherico to Lou Holtz, then the Razorbacks' coach. He wasn't offered a scholarship until the final week before the signing date.

"If Holtz had stayed as coach," Schaeffer said, "Tony might never have played."

At that time, Cherico had no immediate visions of grandeur for himself. He knew he was small and was just hoping to play by his junior or senior year.

Cherico became acutely aware of his size when he first arrived in Fayetteville. A 6-5, 280-pound offensive lineman showed him around, and on the tour he ran into guard Steve Korte coming out of the weight room. "I couldn't even see past him," Cherico said.

In addition, the football staff tried to bulk him up on paper. "When I got here, I was listed as 6-4, 250," Cherico recalled. "I was all excited and thought, 'My God, have I grown?'"

Cherico was rescued from a career on the scout team when Hatfield came to Arkansas. Hatfield was accustomed to playing smaller linemen at Air Force and quickly sized up the amazingly quick youngster as a noseguard.

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"Our type of defense fit his personality, and everything just fell into place," Hatfield said. "It was a natural marriage. The only thing that hinders him is the pass-rush part. The new rules with the use of hands neutralizes him somewhat, but he makes up for it in balance and hustle."

Cherico's experience as a high school wrestler had something to do with that. As a senior, he had a 34-3 record although he still remembers a photograph of him in one of his few losses.

"This guy was 6-4, 380," he recalled. "Heck, his sister was bigger than I was. He was the biggest human I ever saw. Anyway, in this picture of the match, I'm underneath him, and you couldn't even see me. All you could see was my hands."

To his credit, Cherico takes neither himself nor the game too seriously, despite a career that earned him a nomination for the Lombardi Award last year.

Dianne Cherico said much of Tony's personality was handed down from his father, just like the family name that never skips a branch on the Cherico family tree. Tony may have first realized that he was to be set apart from the crowd when eyebrows were raised on that initial roll call in the first grade.

"Everybody went 'Francis Anthony?' Damn," Tony recalled.

Not that he had any choice in the matter. His father, Anthony Francis, had received his inverted name from his father, Francis Anthony, and so on up the line. Naturally, Tony has already informed Lesli Akers that he has first dibs on No. 1 son, an Anthony Francis to be born, if not named, later.

His life was not always so structured. Despite the time at Central Catholic, where he said nuns "could legally beat you because they've got the Pope on their side," he learned how to be flexible early on. The family had to move from time to time because of his father's job as an administrator for Southern Pacific Railroad.

When it came time to move to Kansas City, Tony wasn't exactly fighting his two brothers, Sean and John, and sister Nicole for the first seat on the airplane. His siblings had been sold on the idea of a new house and the swimming pool just down the street, but Tony had seen "The Wizard of Oz."

"Flying there, I was looking down over western Kansas and seeing all the flat land," he said. "I had heard all the horror stories about the Midwest and Dorothy and Toto and all that. When we got there, it was the worst heat wave they'd had—I don't know how many 100-degree days in a row. I wouldn't go outside or do anything."

Once late summer rolled around, he decided to go out for the football team. At Portland, he had been a tremendous pulling guard and was so good as a freshman that the varsity coach was prepared to promote him until the athletic director intervened and scotched the move.

But Cherico had to start from scratch when he moved to Kansas City. At the first practice, a senior defensive back glanced at the sophomore transfer and



Tyrone Thurman, Texas Tech's Super Smurf punt returner, uses speed and guile to avoid opposing tacklers.

said Cherico might be lucky enough to play—as a senior.

"That ticked me off," he said. "It really motivated me."

Cherico's Shawnee Mission Northwest team played for the Kansas state championship each of the next three years and won it once. The scrawny kid from Oregon won all-state honors the final two seasons and, to top it off, dated the sister of a certain defensive back.

Little has ever blocked the progress of the undersized, overachieving Cherico. He now stands on the threshold of what he hopes will be his best year. He yearns to play the final game of his college career in the Cotton Bowl. And he'd like to win the Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy, the most prestigious awards for linemen in college football.

"It'll be a real downer if I never got to play in the Cotton Bowl," he said. "I think Rice and us will be the only schools eligible. Everybody here cares about beating Texas, but A&M just makes my blood boil. We beat them last year, but I want to beat them in Kyle Field."

Even if he falls short of the Cotton Bowl, it's likely that few in Fayetteville will ever forget him. To ensure that, he said he's thinking of leaving a lasting monument on campus.

"It'd be an Old Milwaukee can with a snake around it and playing 'The Eyes of Texas,'" he said with a laugh. "We've actually been thinking of breeding Agnes. Of course, we'd name the first one Anthony Francis."

Of course. After that, Arkansas is on its own. ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Things are looking up for Tyrone Thurman. Of course, when you're 5-foot-3, you have little choice in the matter.

Since growing up—somewhat—in Midland, Tex., the **Texas Tech** punt returner has shot up, if not on the tape measure, at least in the estimation of those who appreciate tough, hard-nosed football players, no matter what the wrappings.

The 5-3, 130-pound junior may well be the smallest college football player in America—he's just slightly bigger than the E on the eye chart but a blur on the field—and without question he has led the nation in punt returns per inch. On a more official yardage basis, Thurman has ranked among the top six punt returners in Division I-A his first two seasons in Lubbock.

He's such a smidgen of a player that it's hard to picture just how small he really is. To put it into perspective, consider that 5-foot-7 Spud Webb towered over Thurman when they got together for a little one-on-one (or half-on-half) action. Thurman conceded that Webb, a former Midland Junior College basketball player now with the National Basketball Association's Atlanta Hawks, got the best of him in what must have been a half-court game.

"I didn't do too well," Thurman said. "I can't dunk a basketball, but I can dunk a tennis ball."

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Texas' Bret Stafford.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Arkansas	Ken Hatfield finally receives much-deserved accolades as the Razorbacks gain a Cotton Bowl berth.
2. Texas A&M	The Aggies must rebuild their defense and replace quarterback Kevin Murray. Too many holes to repeat this year.
3. Texas	The Longhorns must make better use of all-purpose back Eric Metcalf and restore order to a shaky program.
4. Texas Christian	With an influx of senior redshirts, TCU is the team to watch. They need just a few breaks to move up.
5. Texas Tech	If Spike Dykes can manage to push the right buttons, the Red Raiders could find a spot in the first division.
6. Baylor	The Bears lose numerous key members from a team many considered Grant Teaff's best ever.
7. Houston	The Cougars have an excellent group of athletes. The question is, can Jack Pardee mold this undisciplined unit?
8. Rice	The Owls have limitations but still can surprise. They don't win often, but they aren't under investigation, either.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Bret Stafford	6-00	188	Senior	Texas
Greg Thomas.....	5-11	195	Senior	Arkansas
Billy Joe Tolliver	6-01	200	Junior	Texas Tech

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Sloan Hood	5-11	214	Senior	Houston
Tony Jeffery.....	6-00	205	Senior	Texas Christian
Eric Metcalf	5-09	180	Junior	Texas
Jeffrey Murray	5-10	200	Soph.	Baylor
James Rouse.....	6-01	217	Soph.	Arkansas
Keith Woodside.....	6-00	198	Senior	Texas A&M

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Donnie Centers	5-10	170	Senior	Arkansas
Matt Clark	5-10	195	Senior	Baylor
Rod Harris.....	5-11	180	Junior	Texas A&M
Wayne Walker	5-09	160	Junior	Texas Tech

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Steven Clark.....	6-05	230	Soph.	Texas
Edward Thomas	6-03	217	Soph.	Houston

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Chris Bequette	6-02	268	Senior	Arkansas
Brian Brazil	6-03	276	Senior	Texas Christian
Louis Cheek	6-06	285	Senior	Texas A&M
Freddie Childress	6-04	350	Junior	Arkansas
Jerry Fontenot.....	6-03	248	Junior	Texas A&M
Paul Jetton	6-05	281	Senior	Texas
Jeff Keith	6-03	270	Senior	Texas Tech
Mike McBride	6-03	270	Senior	Texas Tech
Russell Moses	6-02	260	Senior	Rice
Joel Porter.....	6-04	275	Senior	Baylor
Matt Wilson	6-04	270	Senior	Texas A&M

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Thomas Aldridge....	6-02	230	Senior	Texas
Tony Cherico	6-00	242	Senior	Arkansas
Albert Harris.....	6-02	233	Soph.	Arkansas
Artis Jackson	6-05	295	Senior	Texas Tech
Sammy O'Brien.....	6-03	260	Senior	Texas A&M
Russell Sheffield....	6-04	270	Senior	Baylor
Tracy Simien	6-02	254	Junior	Texas Christian
Jeff Thomas.....	6-04	240	Senior	Rice
Kent Tramel.....	6-03	257	Senior	Texas Christian

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Duane Duncum.....	6-04	222	Soph.	Texas
James Francis	6-04	222	Soph.	Baylor
Britt Hager.....	6-01	237	Junior	Texas
Michael Johnson	6-02	215	Senior	Texas Tech
Gary McGuire	6-03	230	Senior	Houston
Rickey Williams	6-00	221	Senior	Arkansas

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Steve Atwater.....	6-04	205	Junior	Arkansas
Kip Corrington.....	6-00	175	Senior	Texas A&M
John Hagy	5-11	188	Senior	Texas
Robert Jones.....	6-01	191	Senior	Houston
Falanda Newton	6-02	199	Junior	Texas Christian
Randy Thornton	6-04	212	Senior	Houston

KICKING SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Chris Becker.....	6-02	188	Junior	Texas Christian
Scott Slater	6-00	180	Senior	Texas A&M

RETURN SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Vernell Ramsey	5-09	199	Junior	Houston
Tyrone Thurman.....	5-03	130	Junior	Texas Tech

As soon as the NBA merges with the Association of Tennis Professionals, Thurman might have a future. Until then, he will be content running special teamers dizzy, which is fine with Red Raiders Coach Spike Dykes.

Dykes first laid eyes on the son of 6-1 Curtis and 4-11½ Vivian Thurman in 1980, when he was coaching the varsity team at Midland's Robert E. Lee High School and Thurman was an eighth-grader.

"Couldn't anybody touch him," Dykes recalled. "When we put him on the sophomore team, he just ran through the people he played. On the JV team, it was the same thing. Same with the varsity. For somebody his size, he's strong as an ox."

As if it was necessary to bring further attention to her son, Thurman's mother filled milk cartons with pennies and rattled them at his games. The former cheerleader also used to lead the other cheerleaders in the two-four-six-eight yell, but her son was no two-bit player. He averaged 7.4 yards per carry as a senior. He was just, uh, a bit on the small size.

His father used to call him "Garbage Disposal" for the way he cleaned his plate, but his overactive metabolism just as quickly disposed of the calories. So, Tyrone still answers to "Smurf," the tag a former Midland Lee basketball teammate stuck on him the first time he spotted Thurman under a mushroom.

Thurman's size has been questioned often enough, but never his durability.

"It's easy to get hurt if you don't know how to avoid contact," he said. "I just pat 'em on the back and tell 'em to take their best shot. They're not going to intimidate me."

So fearless of contact is Thurman that a Texas Tech offensive line coach told him that he'd make an excellent lineman. He missed not a minute of 30 games in two years in high school and only two practices his senior year.

Despite rushing for 1,212 yards and 25 touchdowns that year, few schools came calling. Texas Tech, Texas-El Paso, Baylor and Texas Christian stopped by to pay their semi-respects, but the last two backed off.

Not even Dykes was sure Thurman would make it in Division I football.

"I did and I didn't," said Dykes, who rose from defensive coordinator to head coach last December. "All his life he's been told he's too little to do anything, that he'd have a hard time academically. Well, he's got over a 3.0 GPA, and he's put egg on everybody's face who told him that."

The yok's been on the rest of the Southwest Conference. He has led the league in punt returns two years running, and he has a school-record 863 yards already. The accounting major has put up some serious numbers and is on a pace to break the SWC record of 1,380 yards in the third game of his senior season, and the NCAA record of 1,695 yards is within range.

Thurman's feats—and quick feet—have not gone unappreciated by Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield.

"He's a lot better than I was," said Hat-

field, who ranks second on the all-time SWC punt-return yardage list. "He's a knuckleball-type runner who can make you miss. He's as explosive as I've seen. The secret is you've got to get by one man on your own, but he can get by two."

He got by all 11 when he returned a 67-yarder against Houston and a 96-yarder against Texas last year. Of course, in the one against the Longhorns, he was running partly out of fear. Not of getting hit, but of facing former coach David McWilliams on the sideline.

"I caught it at the four and thought, 'Dang, Coach is going to gripe me out,'" Thurman said. "I'd better get something."

He got 96 yards and a touchdown. In doing so, he had run for the second-longest punt return in SWC history.

"That's an offensive weapon, and it'd be tragic not to use it," Dykes said. "He's more or less got a green light. If you're not careful, you coach caution into people. He's sort of like a great hitter in baseball. And no one ever told Ted Williams to take a pitch."

With the return of Thurman and 50 other lettermen—the largest number in school history—optimism has never been higher at Texas Tech. The Red Raiders, winners of five of their last six regular-season games, are coming off a 7-4 season and their first bowl appearance since 1977.

"Last year was good for this football team," said Dykes, who made his debut as a head coach in Texas Tech's 20-17 Independence Bowl loss to Mississippi after McWilliams went to Texas. "They feel better about themselves than they have in a long time. When it's reality, it's better than wishing. It's good you can talk about being a contender, but doing it and talking about it are two different things."

If the Red Raiders can develop a game-breaking running back and establish some depth in the offensive line, they might have plenty to talk about. Nine starters return from the league's third-best offense. Those who accounted for 88 percent of that offense are back, including All-SWC split end Wayne Walker (717 yards receiving last season), the league's greatest deep threat, and quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver, who passed for 1,602 yards.

I-back James Gray finished third in the league in rushing with 613 yards as a freshman last fall, while Isaac Garnett and Ervin Farris each ran for more than 500 yards. All-SWC center Chris Tanner won't be around to help open holes, but seniors Jeff Keith and Mike McBride are a fine pair of guards.

Defensively, senior linebacker Michael Johnson is ready to emerge from the shadow of departed All-SWC pick Brad Hastings after ranking second on the team with 149 tackles. Johnson, tackle Artis Jackson and end James Mosley are the stalwarts of a defense that led the league in takeaways with 41.

Though the Red Raiders won't have to worry about beating Southern Methodist this year—the Mustangs will not play the next two seasons in the wake of the

NCAA's most stringent probation ever—they will have to deal with **Texas A&M**.

The Aggies, long an also-ran in the league, have scaled new heights with two consecutive SWC titles and Cotton Bowl berths and 19 victories the last two seasons. But Coach Jackie Sherrill is aware that no team has won three consecutive SWC crowns since Darrell Royal's Texas Longhorns captured six straight from 1968-73.

"It's always tougher to stay there than to get there," said Sherrill, whose team went 9-2 before losing to Ohio State in the Cotton Bowl. "In 1989-90, we'll have the ingredients for a solid football team. Next year we may not quite be there. We'll dip a little, but maybe not."

Texas A&M may more than compensate for a drop-off at positions like tight end, where second-team All-America Rod Bernstine is gone, and quarterback, where All-SWC pick Kevin Murray defected to the pros.

To replace Bernstine's 65 catches, Sherrill will pick between senior Sylvester Morgan, who has caught only five passes over the last two seasons but is an experienced blocker, and junior college transfer Gary Coster.

In the void left by Murray, who completed 60.7 percent of his passes for 2,463 yards a year ago, senior Craig Stump will step in to give highly touted redshirt freshman Lance Pavlas time to mature. Stump, the Aggies' punter, led Texas A&M to four wins in 10 starts when Murray was injured, but Pavlas is considered Murray's heir apparent.

"Stump's lined up and won," Sherrill said. "You can't say that about Lance. Lance has an awful lot of talent, but he's never taken a snap."

Surrounding them is enough talent to stock a couple of teams. Despite the loss of Bernstine, Murray and SWC rushing champion Roger Vick, the Aggies return six offensive starters, including four of five in the offensive line, where they enjoy their greatest depth. Tackle Louis Cheek, center Matt Wilson and guard Jerry Fontenot are the key men up front.

All-SWC running back Keith Woodside, who had 52 catches for 603 yards last year, appears ready to bloom. Junior wide receiver Rod Harris and Percy Waddle, a Proposition 48 casualty last fall, should help assure little drop-off in a passing game that ranked 13th nationally last year.

Another offensive weapon is All-SWC placekicker Scott Slater, who was successful on 21 of 27 field-goal attempts a year ago.

The Aggies have more holes to fill on defense. All four linebackers are gone as well as two of the three down linemen. But the one lineman who returns, All-SWC noseguard Sammy O'Brient, is "as good as there is in the country," Sherrill said.

Texas A&M lost just one player from a secondary that led the league in pass defense. The best of the bunch is safety Kip Corrington, an academic All-America and the league's top defensive back.

Arkansas' secondary is none too shab-

by, either, missing only one starter from a unit that picked off 17 passes last season. For that matter, the Razorbacks played keep-away with their opponents better than anyone, turning over the ball only 12 times to lead the nation in stinginess.

That was not enough, however, to propel Hatfield's team into the Cotton Bowl. The Razorbacks fell short because of an offense that has ranked fifth in the league two years in a row.

To rectify that situation, the Razorbacks hope to improve their passing game. Senior quarterback Greg Thomas led the league in passing efficiency, throwing for 1,032 yards with only one interception in 109 attempts, but some are still doubting Thomas' ability to pass when Arkansas trails.

"We're better at play-action passes, but Greg will be better when we dictate when we want to throw," Hatfield said. "Pass protection is not something we spend a lot of time on."

Thomas was the leading rusher (461 yards) in Hatfield's flexbone offense. The Hogs' backfield is well stocked and will get back 1985 SWC Newcomer of the Year James Rouse, who broke his leg in the second game of 1986. Senior Sammy Van Dyke has moved from halfback to fullback to complete a full-house backfield with Rouse and junior Joe Johnson.

"I'm trying to get 'em all on the field," said Hatfield, who also is high on freshmen Barry Foster and Kerwin Price. "Price can play at tailback, fullback or

quarterback."

Though the Razorbacks will miss all-time leading receiver James Shibest, senior Donnie Centers should prove an able replacement after averaging 28.1 yards on 10 catches a year ago.

The offensive line features a pair of heavyweight guards in 6-4, 350-pound Freddie Childress, whom Hatfield would like to see down to 320, and 6-6, 308-pound John Stitten. Add in 287-pound center Bryan White and 268-pound tackle Chris Bequette, a second-year law student, and you see why Razorback Stadium tilts.

Nine starters are back on defense, none more renowned than two-time All-SWC noseguard Tony Cherico. But linebacker Rickey Williams and end Albert Harris should earn rave reviews as well. Safety Steve Atwater (72 tackles, four interceptions) and cornerback Richard Brothers key the strong secondary.

Hatfield took all 121 players to last year's Orange Bowl, where they got a taste of how good Oklahoma was (42-8) and how good they themselves might be in 1987.

"We're pointing for a championship and the Cotton Bowl," Hatfield said.

Jim Wacker is thankful he has all, or most, of his hair left after suffering through a second straight horrendous (3-8) season at TCU. He had more than a little taken off the top of his first string a year ago when 24 starters at one time or another missed 75 games with injuries. Seven were lost for the season.

"Last year was a disaster," said Wacker, whose club has won one SWC game in its last 18 outings. "It was the worst I've ever lived through."

The medical charts included the Horned Frogs' preseason starting backfield, although enough depth remained so that their rushing attack ranked 16th nationally by season's end.

Running back Tony Jeffery is back for his senior year after rushing for a single-game SWC-record 343 yards and five touchdowns against Tulane and 861 yards in nine games before dislocating a shoulder. Jeffery will be joined by sophomores Tony Darthard (bruised shoulder), who started eight games, and Tommy Palmer (broken foot).

Juniors David Rascoe and Scott Ankrom (who has missed time because of a deeply bruised quadricep last year and ankle surgery the year before) will vie for the quarterback position. While still running the veer, they will be expected to do more drop-back passing this season as Wacker tries to diversify the offense.

The offensive line, led by senior tackle Brian Brazil, returns 80 percent intact. Senior Clint Hailey is promising at center.

If TCU is to contend for its first SWC title since 1959, it must show drastic improvement defensively after allowing 5.7 yards per play and 47 touchdowns—13 more than Rice, the next-worst defense in the league. The return of several redshirt-

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Who'll Fill Everett's and Francis' Shoes?



One looks like Tom Sawyer. Red hair. Freckles. Peach fuzz. Boyish smile.

The other resembles his famous father, although he doesn't make quite as many trips to the barber. Mean. Tough. Serious.

Together, they have two of the toughest jobs on Baylor's football team. Mike Welch, the redhead, and Norris Blount, the son of former Pittsburgh Steelers All-Pro Mel Blount, must replace one of the best defensive backfield tandems in Southwest Conference history.

Welch, a sophomore free safety, will take over for consensus All-America Thomas Everett, the first winner of the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back. Blount, a junior cornerback, will replace Ron Francis, who led the league with eight interceptions last season.

Welch said it will be strange to play without Everett and Francis in the secondary. That duo combined for 14 interceptions last season and helped the Bears post 18 victories, including a pair of bowl-game triumphs, the last two years.

"It's going to be funny to look up and see who is back there," said Welch, a 6-foot, 199-pounder from Sweetwater

(Tex.) High School. "I'm really nervous about it. The pressure is going to be on us."

Welch has been under pressure since



Mike Welch



Norris Blount

he joined the Bears. He is one of the few blue-chip recruits to sign with Coach Grant Teaff in his 15 years at Baylor.

"A sportswriter told me he was the best football player to come out of west Texas in 30 years," Teaff said.

Welch was impressive as a freshman. He intercepted two passes and made 11 tackles backing up Everett.

Like Blount, Welch has a genealogical tie to professional football. His uncle, Jim Welch, played eight years for the Baltimore Colts and one year for

the Detroit Lions in the 1960s.

Though Blount had name recognition because of his famous father, he was not a highly sought player. Because of his size, Baylor was one of only two Division I schools to recruit Blount out of Monterey High School in Lubbock, Tex.

"I don't think he weighed more than 130 pounds as a junior," Teaff said. "I took him because he was a pretty good athlete and had awfully good bloodlines."

Teaff gave Blount time to grow into his role by redshirting him his first year. He grew to 6-1, 204 pounds and has begun to be compared to his bald-headed father. He picked off one pass last year.

Blount, who lived with his mother in Lubbock, seldom saw his father during the National Football League season, but he spent summers with him.

"I only went to one Steelers game," Blount said. "I stood on the sidelines and didn't like it. It was too cold."

"In junior high and high school, people always asked me if I was going to be as good as him. I try to get my own identity, but I'd like to be as good as he was."

—STEVE SCHOENFELD

ARKANSAS

Coach: Ken Hatfield (26-9-2, 3 years; 53-40-2 overall, 8 years).

1986 Record: 9-2; SWC: 6-2/T2nd.

Offense: Flexbone. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: David Dudley, LB; Marshall Foreman, FB; Greg Horne, P; Limbo Parks, OG; James Shiblest, SE; Theo Young, TE.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Chris Bequette, T, 6-2/268, Sr.; Freddie Childress, G, 6-4/350, Jr.; Joe Johnson, HB, 6-0/196, Jr.; Greg Thomas, QB, 5-11/195, Sr.; Sammy Van Dyke, FB, 5-11/203, Sr.; Bryan White, C, 6-2/287, Sr. **Defense (9):** Steve Atwater, S, 6-4/205, Jr. (broke collarbone in spring); Carl Bradford, E, 6-2/243, Sr. (broke ankle in spring); Richard Brothers, CB, 6-1/190, Jr.; Tony Cherico, NG, 6-0/242, Sr.; Odis Lloyd, S, 5-9/194, Jr.; Wayne Martin, T, 6-5/258, Jr.; David Schell, T, 6-4/248, Sr.; Erik Whitted, LB, 6-1/207, Sr.; Rickey Williams, LB, 6-0/221, Sr.

Key Returnees: Rick Apolskis, OT, Soph.; John Bland, CB, Jr.; Donnie Centers, SE, Sr.; Albert Harris, DE, Soph.; Aaron Jackson, HB, Soph.; James Rouse, HB, Soph. (RS/broken leg); Michael Shepherd, DT, Soph.; John Stitten, OG, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Kirk Collins, DB; Barry Foster, FB; Quinn Grovey, QB (RS); LaSalle Harper, LB (JC); Todd Jones, OT (RS/medical); Kerwin Price, FB; Derek Russell, SE.



Rice's Jeff Thomas.

TEXAS A&M

Coach: Jackie Sherrill (35-21-1, 5 years; 88-38-2, 11 years).

1986 Record: 9-2; SWC: 7-1/1st.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Rod Bernstine, TE; Steve Bullitt, LB; James Flowers, CB; Johnny Holland, LB; Todd Howard, LB; Larry Kelm, LB; Jay Muller, DE; Kevin Murray, QB; Rod Saddler, DE; Roger Vick, FB; Shea Walker, WR.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Louis Cheek, T, 6-6/285, Sr.; Jerry Fontenot, G, 6-3/248, Jr.; Rod Harris, WR, 5-11/180, Jr.; Trace McGuire, G, 6-5/260, Jr.; Matt Wilson, C, 6-4/270, Sr.; Keith Woodside, RB, 6-0/198, Sr. **Defense (4):** Chet Brooks, S, 5-11/190, Sr. (switched from CB); Kip Corrington, S, 6-0/175, Sr.; Alex Morris, CB, 6-1/187, Jr. (switched from S); Sammy O'Brient, NG, 6-3/260, Sr.

Key Returnees: Tony Bartley, OT, Sr.; Guy Broom, DE, Sr.; Melvin Collins, FB, Jr.; O'Neill Gilbert, DE, Jr.; Matt Gurley, FB, Jr.; Basil Jackson, LB, Jr.; Tim Landrum, LB, Jr.; Terry Price, DE, Soph.; John Roper, LB, Jr.; Scott Slater, K, Sr.; Craig Stump, QB/P, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Al Jones, DE; Darren Lewis, RB (status questionable/academics); Cornelius Patterson, WR; Lance Pavlas, QB (RS); Randy Simmons, FB (status questionable/academics); Percy Waddle, WR.

BAYLOR

Coach: Grant Teaff (90-76-5, 15 years; 132-122-7 overall, 24 years).

1986 Record: 8-3; SWC: 6-2/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: John Adickes, C; Mark Bates, OG; Ray Berry, LB; Cody Carlson, QB; Thomas Everett, S; Ron Francis, CB; Aaron Grant, LB; Steve Grumbine, DT; Robert Watters, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (3): Matt Clark, SE, 5-10/195, Sr.; Kobe Fornes, TE, 6-0/216, Sr.; Joel Porter, T, 6-4/275, Sr. **Defense (2):** Ray Crockett, CB, 5-9/175, Sr.; Russell Sheffield, DT, 6-4/270, Sr. (status questionable/broken ankle).

Key Returnees: Ben Baker, FL, Sr.; Jackie Ball, HB, Sr.; Robert Blackmon, S, Soph.; Norris Blount, S, Soph.; Darnell Chase, FL, Jr.; Ray Crockett, CB, Jr.; James Francis, LB, Soph.; Henry Green, DT, Sr.; Eugene Hall, DE, Jr.; Gary Hays, LB, Soph.; Ed Lovell, QB, Soph.; Jeffrey Murray, RB, Soph.; Jeff Palmer, OT, Sr.; Charles Perry, RB, Jr.; Keith Rose, DE, Sr.; John Simpson, SE, Sr.; Dennis Smith, OT, Sr.; Paul Stuart, OT, Sr.; Mike Welch, S, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Greg Anderson, FL (RS); Santana Dotson, DE; Eric Gilstrap, FB (transfer/Wichita State); Brad Goebel, QB (RS); John Godfrey, LB, Soph.; Jay Mapps, QB; Anthony Ray, RB; Steve Stutsman, TE; Ricky Vestal, QB.

RICE

Coach: Jerry Berndt (4-7, 1 year; 42-34-3, 8 years).

1986 Record: 4-7; SWC: 2-6/7th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Loss: Kenny Major, TE.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Mark Comalander, QB, 6-4/215, Sr.; Lorenzo Cyphers, FB, 5-10/205, Jr.; Courtney Hall, C, 6-2/245, Jr. (missed spring/shoulder); Keith Lewis, FL, 6-1/195, Sr.; David Mayberry, G, 6-4/255, Jr.; Russell Moses, T, 6-2/260, Sr.; Chris Nixon, SE, 6-3/190, Sr.; Karl Schraer, G, 6-3/255, Soph. **Defense (4):** Everett Coleman, CB, 5-9/180, Soph.; William McClay, CB, 5-11/190, Jr.; Jeff Thomas, T, 6-4/240, Sr.; Roy Thompson, S, 6-1/200, Jr.

Key Returnees: David Alston, DT, Jr.; John Davis, TB, Sr.; Kyle Falk, LB, Sr.; Darrell Goolsby, WR, Sr.; Will Hollas, LB, Jr.; Jeff Hood, LB, Jr. (switched from C); Ted Humphreys, NG, Jr. (missed 1986/personal); Eric Johnson, DT, Sr. (missed spring/ankle); Max Moss, LB, Soph. (RS/knee); Cedric Parson, DB, Soph. (RS/academics); Quentis Roper, QB/KR, Jr.; Melvin Turner, TE, Soph. (RS/academics).

Top Newcomers: O.J. Brigance, LB; Mike Gonzales, OT (JC); Eric Henley, RB/KR; David Hollas, QB/LB (RS); Greg King, WR (RS); Jeff Walker, TE (JC); Mike Wylie, LB.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Coach: Jim Wacker (15-28-2, 4 years; 119-61-3, 16 years).

1986 Record: 3-8; SWC: 1-7/8th.

Offense: Veer. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Loss: W C Nix, C.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Brian Brazil, T, 6-3/276, Sr.; Mike Bulla, G, 6-4/267, Soph.; Tony Darthard, RB, 5-9/203, Soph.; Reggie Davis, WR, 6-3/209, Jr.; Jarrod Delaney, WR, 6-2/205, Jr.; Clint Hailey, C, 6-4/252, Sr.; Jeff Hopkins, T, 6-4/273, Soph.; Tony Jeffery, RB, 6-0/205, Sr.; David Rascoe, QB, 5-11/187, Jr. **Defense (9):** John Booty, CB, 6-0/180, Sr.; Tony Brooks, CB, 5-9/184, Jr.; Scott Harris, LB, 6-2/221, Jr.; Frank Hawkins, T, 6-5/270, Jr.; Gregg Jones, LB, 6-4/235, Sr.; Ron Lewis, E, 6-2/236, Jr.; Garland Littles, S, 5-11/208, Sr.; Falanda Newton, S, 6-2/199, Jr.; Tracy Simien, E, 6-2/254, Jr.

Key Returnees: Scott Ankrom, QB, Jr. (RS/groin); Chris Becker, P, Jr.; Mitchell Benson, DT, Jr.; Darrell Davis, DE, Jr.; John Dull, LB, Soph.; Lee Newman, K, Soph.; Tommy Palmer, RB, Soph.; David Spradlin, DE, Sr. (RS); Ricky Stone, TE, Jr. (RS); Floyd Terrell, LB, Sr. (RS); Kent Tramel, DT, Sr. (RS).

Top Newcomers: John Marsh, DT; Robert McWright, DB (JC); Chuck Mooney, LB (RS); Jordy Reynolds, LB; Vining Reynolds, C (JC); Andre Spencer, DB (JC).

HOUSTON

Coach: Jack Pardee (first year at Houston).

1986 Record: 1-10; SWC: 0-8/9th.

Offense: Run and shoot. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Loss: Gerald Landry, QB.

Starters Returning: Offense (10): Tim Britton, C, 6-1/251, Sr.; Jet Brown, WR, 5-10/179, Jr.; Byron Forsythe, T, 6-4/247, Soph.; William Gant, G, 6-2/281, Jr.; Paul Hearn Jr., T, 6-4/258, Jr.; Sloan Hood, RB, 5-11/214, Sr.; Dwayne LeBlanc, WR, 6-2/204, Sr.; Terry Moser, G, 6-3/247, Jr.; John Stankus, RB, 6-0/212, Jr.; Edward Thomas, TE, 6-3/217, Soph. (may switch to WR). **Defense (8):** David Bearden, LB/E, 6-1/194, Jr.; Robert Harper, LB, 6-1/240, Sr.; Derrick Hoskins, LB/E, 6-2/219, Sr.; Johnny Jackson, CB, 6-1/196, Jr.; Robert Jones, S, 6-1/191, Sr.; Gary McGuire, 6-3/230, Sr.; Glenn Montgomery, DT, 6-0/246, Jr. (switched from NG); Randy Thornton, S, 6-4/212, Sr.

Key Returnees: Kimble Anders, WR, Soph. (RS/academics); Roosevelt Johnson, OG, Sr. (RS/academics); Johnny Norwood, CB, Jr.; Alfred Oglesby, DE, Soph. (RS/academics); Vernell Ramsey, WR/KR, Jr.; Andy Sexton, LB, Jr.; Paul Smith, SE, Soph.; Craig Veasey, DT, Jr.

Top Newcomers: David Dacus, QB (JC); Ed Powers, QB (JC); Terrance Sanders, DT (transfer/Wichita State); Andre Ware, QB.

TEXAS

Coach: David McWilliams (first year at Texas; 7-4 overall, 1 year).

1986 Record: 5-6; SWC: 4-4/5th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Stephen Braggs, CB; Eric Jeffries, CB; Richard Peavy, S; Jeff Ward, K.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Alan Champagne, C, 6-4/263, Sr.; Paul Jetton, G, 6-5/281, Sr.; Gabriel Johnson, WR, 5-11/165, Sr.; Eric Metcalf, TB, 5-9/180, Jr.; Darron Norris, TB/FB, 5-9/195, Jr.; Bret Stafford, QB, 6-0/188, Sr. **Defense (6):** Thomas Aldridge, E, 6-2/230, Sr.; Duane Duncum, LB, 6-4/222, Soph.; John Hagy, S, 5-11/188, Sr.; Steve Llewellyn, T, 6-6/271, Jr.; Bobby Rhodes, LB, 6-4/228, Soph.; Gerard Senegal, S, 6-1/207, Sr.

Key Returnees: Lee Beckelman, LB, Sr.; Lee Brockman, LB, Jr.; Steven Clark, TE/WR, Soph.; Ed Cunningham, OT, Jr.; Bobby Duncum, DE, Sr. (RS/knee); Tony Griffin, CB, Sr.; Ken Hackmack, DT, Soph.; Britt Hager, LB, Jr. (RS/ankle); Carter Hill, C, Jr.; Charles Hunter, RB, Jr.; Tony Jones, WR, Soph.; Bobby Lilljedahl, WR, Soph.; James Lott, CB, Sr. (RS); Kevin Nelson, WR, Sr.; Brian Nielsen, OG, Soph. Stanley Richard, CB, Soph. Darryl Taylor, FB, Jr. Alex Waits, P, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Jorrick Battle, WR (RS); Andy Locke, K; Charles Seafous, OT (RS).

TEXAS TECH

Coach: Spike Dykes (0-1, Independence Bowl).

1986 Record: 7-4; SWC: 5-3/T4th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Brad Hastings, LB; Roland Mitchell, CB; Calvin Riggs, DE; Chris Tanner, C.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Eddy Anderson, WR, 5-9/160, Jr.; Isaac Garnett, FB, 5-11/225, Jr.; James Gray, LB, 5-10/200, Soph.; Jeff Keith, G, 6-3/270, Sr.; Mike McBride, G, 6-3/270, Sr.; Travis Price, WR, 6-1/185, Jr.; David Stickels, T, 6-1/255, Sr.; Billy Joe Tolliver, QB, 6-1/200, Jr.; Wayne Walker, SE, 5-9/160, Jr. **Defense (6):** Ricky Boysaw, E, 6-2/225, Sr.; Eric Everett, CB, 5-11/155, Sr.; Artis Jackson, T, 6-5/295, Sr.; Michael Johnson, LB, 6-2/215, Sr.; Desmond Royal, T, 6-1/265, Jr.; Merv Scurlark, S, 6-0/200, Sr. (questionable/knee injury suffered in spring).

Key Returnees: Ervin Farris, LB, Jr.; Keith Henderson, CB, Sr.; James Mosley, DE, Jr.; James Nixon, CB, Soph.; Charles Odiorne, OT, Soph.; Charles Perry, DT, Soph. (RS/medical); Nathan Richburg, OT, Soph.; Tyrone Thurman, WR/KR, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Andra Harrison, DT (RS); Jon Hummel, LB (transfer/SMU); Charles Lott, RB; Anthony Lynn, RB; Jeff Pickett, OG (transfer/Oklahoma); Darnell Pratt, LB (JC); Richard Ross, SE.

ed players should bolster that squad.

One of those players, redshirt senior Kent Tramel, is "the best defensive lineman I've had the privilege to coach," Wacker said. The 6-3, 257-pound redshirt senior, who has made 315 tackles in three seasons, has been switched from nose-guard to defensive tackle and is expected to anchor TCU's new 4-3 alignment along with end Tracy Simien.

The Horned Frogs' most pressing defensive needs are to develop a middle linebacker and shore up the secondary, where junior safety Falanda Newton could be an emerging star.

The kicking game is solid behind punter Chris Becker, who ranked third nationally with a 46.1-yard average last year, and Lee Newman, who booted 16 of 18 field-goal tries.

That is one, but not the only, department where Texas needs immediate help after enduring a dreadful 5-6 season for its first losing record in 30 years. The Longhorns' fifth-place finish, their worst since Darrell Royal's finale in 1976, cost 10-year coach Fred Akers his job and returned McWilliams to the school where he was a linebacker on Texas' 1963 national championship team and an assistant for 16 years.

McWilliams, the 1986 SWC Coach of the Year in his first season at Texas Tech, has to replace almost half of the Longhorns' starting lineup plus Jeff Ward, who finished his career with more field goals (58) than any kicker in SWC history.

"I don't see myself as a miracle worker," McWilliams said. "It's not like all of a sudden it's going to happen because I'm here. I don't see why we can't be a contender, but the cupboard is not as full as I thought it was."

It is barest in the trenches. The offensive line has an All-SWC performer in 6-5, 281-pound guard Paul Jetton, but depth is lacking. Two defensive starters are gone up front, but one of the returnees, end Thomas Aldridge, has all-star potential.

Texas was so beat up at linebacker that it now boasts great experience at the position, including Duane Duncum, last year's SWC Freshman of the Year. In addition, hard-hitting junior Britt Hager is back at middle linebacker after missing last season with an ankle injury. The secondary will be rebuilt around senior safety John Hagy.

The Longhorns are strongest at the skill positions. Quarterback Bret Stafford, while no drop-back specialist, threw for 2,233 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior last fall. Behind him will be tailback Eric Metcalf and fullback Darron Norris. Metcalf, the NCAA triple jump champion, produced 1,115 yards as a runner, receiver and kick returner. The line and receiving corps also will get a boost from Steven Clark, a big sophomore tight end.

In Ward's absence, McWilliams will try freshman Andy Locke from Ward's Westlake High School in Austin, although the coach said he doesn't know "if he has ice water in his veins like Jeff did." McWilliams, who has orange running through his, will direct his troops through a non-

conference schedule that includes Oklahoma, Auburn and Brigham Young.

A more reasonable schedule may be the only thing in Baylor's favor as Coach Grant Teaff tries to rebuild after losing 17 starters from an 8-3 team that beat Colorado in the Bluebonnet Bowl. He can take heart in the fact that the Bears' first six games are against non-conference opponents Louisiana Tech, Missouri, Nevada-Las Vegas and Southwest Texas State and SWC foes Texas Tech and Houston—whose collective record was 27-38-1 last year.

So young is Baylor that Teaff "did something the first week of spring I've never done before," he said. The Bears did not take a snap from scrimmage that whole week and, given the return of only tight end Kobe Fornes, split end Matt Clark (418 yards receiving) and All-SWC tackle Joel Porter from last year's starting lineup, might not have known what to do if they had.

Gone is the entire backfield, leaving sophomore quarterback Ed Lovell and running backs Jeffrey Murray and Charles Perry to take over. Lovell started a narrow 23-17 victory over Rice, throwing four interceptions, and passed just 41 times last year. Both Murray, the Bears' top rusher last year with 459 yards, and Perry provide good targets.

"Ed's got to be it," Teaff said. "Jay Mapps (a freshman who sat out last season after taking and passing his entrance exams on the wrong date) hasn't been on a football field in a year and a half and is as rusty as an old nail."

Teaff is encouraged by the addition of freshman running back Anthony Ray, a blue-chip recruit.

A defensive setback was suffered when Russell Sheffield broke his ankle. The senior tackle won't begin running until July. All three linebackers and three-fourths of the secondary have departed, leaving a monumental task of replacing nine starters—including consensus All-America safety Thomas Everett and All-SWC cornerback Ron Francis—from the nation's third-best defense.

Francis' brother James, who walked onto the Baylor basketball team, will fill one of the vacant linebacker spots. The Bears believe that the sophomore can be as effective at linebacker as Ron was at cornerback.

Though Baylor appears destined for a second-division finish, the team does welcome back several players with substantial backup experience. So, the Bears are shooting for a third straight bowl trip, ever mindful of 1980, when they won the conference after being picked to finish sixth.

Rice came within 11 points of its first .500 season since 1972 as it beat Western Athletic Conference contender Air Force and crosstown rival Houston in its last two games and scared Texas and Baylor in a 4-7 season.

The Owls could be even more successful this year with the enthusiasm gained from last season carrying over and the addition of a strong recruiting class.

Pass-minded quarterback Mark Comalander and run-oriented Quantis Roper combined for 2,424 yards in total offense, more than all but two SWC quarterbacks, and again will alternate behind center. A solid offensive line keyed by senior tackle Russell Moses and center Courtney Hall, who had both shoulders corrected by surgery in December, should improve a running attack that averaged only 106.7 yards per game, which ranked last in the league.

The Owls lost All-SWC tight end Kenny Major but have a replacement in junior college transfer Jeff Walker. Keith Lewis, Chris Nixon and Darrell Goolsby are good targets for Comalander, but the group needs to work on dropping fewer passes.

Only four starters are back on defense. But one of them is defensive tackle Jeff Thomas, "one of the premier down linemen in the conference," Berndt said.

Cornerback William McClay, one of three returning backs from a defense that ranked 24th nationally against the pass in '86, had four interceptions as a sophomore last fall.

Jack Pardee, a former All-America linebacker at Texas A&M, has been asked to resurrect a Houston program that lost all but one game last season for its worst season ever. The Cougars, who joined the league in 1976, went winless in eight SWC games for the first time.

Pardee's first order of business will be to restore to good health the league's most sickly offense, which scored only 14 touchdowns all year. He is installing the same run-and-shoot offense that his Houston Gamblers of the defunct United States Football League used to break several professional football records.

In the running for the trigger role are senior Mark Davis, who threw nine interceptions in only 91 passing attempts last year; transfer David Dacus, who passed for 2,333 yards a year ago to rank second in the nation among junior college quarterbacks, and sophomore Andre Ware, a Proposition 48 victim last year. Dacus was the front-runner coming out of spring drills.

Running back Sloan Hood and regular tight end Edward Thomas are among those competing for the lone one-back position that will make the Cougars' veer obsolete. Also back is wide receiver Jet Brown, whose 556 yards in receptions last year accounted for more than half of the Cougars' 1,063 yards through the air.

"I'll be very disappointed if he's not a real classy receiver," Pardee said.

Another offensive weapon is junior Vernell Ramsey, who averaged 25.1 yards on 20 kickoff returns last fall.

Opponents expecting another pushover on defense may be in for a surprise. Eight starters return, including linebacker Gary McGuire, who made 163 tackles last year, and safeties Robert Jones and Randy Thornton.

"We're going to be a good team," Pardee said, "but the conference is so strong we can be a lot better and have a harder time winning games." ■

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Another Passing Fancy

San Jose State's Mike Perez Finds His Football Niche

By JOHN AKERS

Paula Perez considers herself a successful single parent.

One son, Mike, is a quarterback at San Jose State who has come out of nowhere to be called a can't-miss National Football League prospect.

The other, Robert, recently became a pilot for a major commercial airline. Because of Robert, she will be able to enjoy cut-rate air fares from Denver to all of Mike's games next season.

"People are telling me I can fly off the one," she said, laughing, "and live off the other."

If she is able to live off her second son, Mike Perez would consider that the crowning touch to a career that until last season had been hard and confusing.

Perez was raised by his mother and grandparents in a middle-class home near a Denver barrio. He never knew his father, but that was neither the hard nor the confusing part.

"Being raised by three people," he said, "is better than being raised by two."

Perez's grandfather serves as his surrogate father. His mother, a more outgoing person than himself, is his alter ego.

In this environment, both Perez boys found their niches early in life. Mike was 7 when he began playing for Police Athletic League football teams; Robert, who is 18 months older than his brother, preferred building model airplanes. The two have remained close friends, and today Robert wears the various trinkets—rings, watches, jerseys—that Mike brings him as mementos of his football exploits.

No, home was never a problem. The hard part came when Mike Perez had to leave the family nest, when he seemed to be the only person who understood his vast talents. He had to make many choices, all of them difficult.

But he has made the decisions, and he has no regrets. One year ago, he was an unknown even among most San Jose State fans. Today, those same fans are telling anyone who will listen that their quarterback is a Heisman Trophy candidate.

That San Jose State would have a Heisman hopeful is not an outrageous contention, although the Pacific Coast Athletic Association has never had a Heisman winner and isn't likely to this season. But Perez did lead the nation in total offense with 2,969 yards in nine games, a performance that sparked the Spartans' dynamic turnaround from 2-8-1 in 1985 to 10-2 last year, including a California Bowl triumph.

It would be outrageous to contend, however, that Perez was destined to reach



The strong right arm of quarterback Mike Perez has raised some eyebrows and lifted the hearts of San Jose State fans.

this level of success. In fact, the path he followed had plenty of turns and crossroads, and it was only by choosing the right avenue at each intersection—and enjoying some degree of good fortune—that he even had a chance to become the Spartans' starting quarterback last fall.

Perez might have done many things other than play quarterback at San Jose State. He might have transferred to an uncertain future at either Colorado or Middle Tennessee State. He might have been switched to linebacker while at Taft (Calif.) College. And in frustration, he might have quit playing football altogether.

Four years ago, as a third-team all-state quarterback from Denver's South High School, he received no major scholarship offers. He decided to play at Taft but became homesick after one day there. He called his mother to tell her he was com-

ing home.

He then walked on at Colorado, waiting almost two weeks before making another critical phone call to his mother. This time he wanted to return to Taft. So, it was Paula Perez's turn to make a phone call, this one to Taft Coach Al Baldock.

"I had a lot of explaining to do," she said. "(Mike) put me through a real trying time."

It wouldn't end there.

Perez returned to Taft, but he never became more than a part-time starter in its option offense. He threw only 58 passes his sophomore season, completing 38 (six for touchdowns). He has heard that Taft coaches considered moving him to linebacker. But when it was time to leave the junior college, Baldock sold San Jose State Coach Claude Gilbert on Perez's strong arm and desire to play for a passing team.

"I've been around Al long enough to respect his recommendations," Gilbert said, "but I suspect it would have been pretty hard for him to convince anybody else."

After Perez's first spring at San Jose State, he again had doubts about his future. He considered transferring to Middle Tennessee State, the only other school to recruit him from Taft. He wondered if perhaps he should just stop playing football.

"I really thought maybe this game wasn't for me and maybe I shouldn't play it anymore," he said. "I seriously considered it. It was a pretty tough time."

"I wanted to throw the ball, but I hadn't had a chance to throw the ball like I wanted to. I thought maybe my abilities weren't what I thought they were, that maybe I was kidding myself."

He stayed, agreeing to redshirt that first year in San Jose. He spent the 1985 season learning the passing game from the press box and as quarterback of the scout teams. But he went into spring practice in 1986 as just one of four scholarship quarterbacks with equal chances to become the starter.

"He was just another guy who was here," Gilbert said. "Sitting out a year didn't turn him on. He hadn't done anything to stimulate anyone."

In retrospect, Perez admitted that he probably wouldn't have been ready to play his first season at San Jose State. To his credit, he stayed in shape and remained interested in the team.

"I could have been totally rebellious," Perez said. "I could have come to practice and been lazy or have sat in the stands at games and just kicked in with everyone else. But I wanted to get better, and I wanted to learn."

He won the job—barely—but his coaches weren't sure what to expect. They didn't expect this: After four games, Perez had thrown for 1,207 yards and was leading the nation in total offense.

But it was the fifth game of the season that turned Mike Perez into a local leg-

end. The Spartans faced Fresno State, which entered that October 4 contest with Division I-A's longest unbeaten streak (15 games), not to mention Heisman Trophy candidate Kevin Sweeney at quarterback.

San Jose State jumped to a 24-0 lead on three touchdown passes by Perez and a field goal. Over the next 35 minutes, however, Fresno State outscored the Spartans, 41-7, the final points coming on a field goal with 1:15 left in the game. The Bulldogs' 41-31 lead seemed secure.

Perez didn't think so. He drove the Spartans downfield and threw a five-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Guy Liggins. The clock showed 42 seconds remaining. The Spartans then recovered an onside kick, setting up perhaps the most spectacular comeback of the 1986 college football season.

After an incompleting on first down, Perez completed a pass to his roommate, Lafo Malauulu, that drove the Spartans 26 yards to the Fresno State 22-yard line. Perez then called the same play to Malauulu.

Fresno State defensive end Jethro Franklin, the best pass rusher in the PCAA last year, barely missed sacking Perez. Bulldogs Coach Jim Sweeney thought the muscular Perez had "leg-pressed" Franklin off his back. Actually, Perez had ducked and Franklin had slid over Perez's back and to his ankles.

With Franklin clawing at Perez's feet (unbeknownst to Perez until he saw game films) and safety Michael Stewart dropping off Malauulu because of the apparent sack, Perez rose up and threw his most important touchdown pass of the season. Only 18 seconds remained when Malauulu caught the pass in the left corner of the end zone that gave the Spartans a 45-41 triumph.

Perez didn't let up there. In a game against Pacific he completed 31 of 39 passes, without an interception, for 508 yards and three touchdowns, which ranks as the fourth-most effective performance in I-A history, according to NCAA statisticians. After throwing 17 interceptions in his first seven games, he didn't throw another in his final three. He finished with 228 completions in 384 attempts (59.4 percent) for 2,934 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Behind Perez's strong arm, the Spartans went undefeated in the conference. As PCAA champions, they took on Miami of Ohio in the California Bowl, where Perez threw for 291 yards and three TDs as San Jose State won, 37-7.

By season's end, the honors were rolling in for Perez. He was named the West Coast Player of the Year by United Press International, the PCAA's Co-Offensive Player of the Year and the California Bowl's Most Valuable Player, not to mention his many player of the week citations.

Perez's success, however, really had more to do with toughness than numbers and awards, a notion that he agrees with—to an extent.

"It's not like I walk around and say I'm so tough I can take on a car," he said. "It's not like everybody's supposed to get out of

my way and open doors for me."

But in San Jose, Perez's presence has caused cars to brake and doors to open, with or without human assistance.

How many quarterbacks have been penalized for roughing the rusher? The 6-foot-2, 215-pound Perez drew a 15-yard penalty against Washington State for pushing 243-pound defensive tackle Mark Ledbetter. Perez doesn't deny talking "trash" to opponents, nor being ejected from an intramural basketball game for stalking a referee.

"It just happens; you're not aware of what you're saying," he said. "Afterward you say you were a fool, but it just comes out."

How many quarterbacks have completed passes with their non-throwing arm? The righthanded Perez was two for two with his left arm, pitching the ball forward when he was tied up from the right side. He also caught one of his own batted passes and gained two yards.

How many quarterbacks are more comfortable in a weight room than in front of a mirror? Perez—who said, "If I don't lift, I don't feel right"—might be the strongest college quarterback in the country. He has bench-pressed 350 pounds and once lifted his weight 18 times.

"He's not your typical blond-haired, blue-eyed quarterback," said David Diaz-Infante, an offensive guard on last year's team. "He's a tough Mexican from Taft."

Said Gilbert: "He has more of that linebacker mentality than he does the sophis-

ticated, quarterback-type mentality. He's one of the boys."

Indeed, Perez's rugged features and monotone speech pattern have tricked many into thinking he is Rambo in cleats—a man utilizing machismo more than mentality.

"The initial impression... it leads you astray a little bit," Gilbert said.

The public rarely saw the joking Perez—the one who stalked the hallways of road-game hotels, ready to bushwhack unsuspecting teammates, and who was an unwilling participant in a preseason group head-shaving with his roommates.

Perez also shed his tough-guy image long enough to wonder aloud whether he should play in the California Bowl after suffering a shoulder separation that forced him to miss the last two games of the regular season. He played, and played well, but in admitting his fears he revealed more depth than the cinematic Rambo would have allowed.

And as the coaching staff got to know him, they discovered that he understood defenses nearly as well as they did. He developed that knowledge during his red-shirt season. In the press box, he sat next to offensive coordinator Terry Shea, who made Perez chart the defense's schemes and tendencies.

"He was able to give me the defenses with pinpoint accuracy," Shea said. "Even an experienced coach will get caught up

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Who'll Fill Sweeney's Shoes?



There has never been a richer five-year period in Fresno State history, and there have been few family ties like this one. Jim and Kevin Sweeney

—coach and quarterback, father and son—have been through 43 victories and an NCAA Division I-A career passing record since 1982, when Kevin came aboard.

But alas, Kevin is branching out to the National Football League. Yet, bloodlines remain important at Fresno State.

Enter sophomore Eric Buechele, Sweeney's backup last season, and junior Danny English, a junior college transfer.

One is the younger brother of Steve Buechele, an infielder for the Texas Rangers. The other is the son of Wally English, a former college and NFL coach.

Jim Sweeney "knows and recognizes my father," English said, "and knows that I'm another coach's son who understands the game."

It will take more than know-how to replace Kevin Sweeney. His specialty

was the home run pass, but he also could roll out or scramble.

"I don't know if we'll have a guy who can do the things Kevin could do," Jim

Sweeney said. "There weren't too many passes Kevin was not capable of throwing."

Buechele and English are strictly strong-armed, drop-back types, but Jim Sweeney sees a bit of Kevin's fire in both.

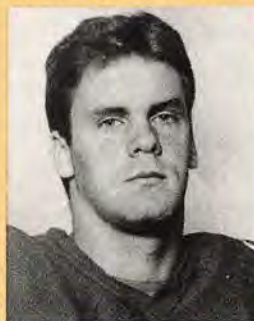
"Eric's a competitor," Sweeney said. "And Danny, you could put him in the eye of the storm and he wouldn't know he was in it."

English lost ground in his race with Buechele after breaking his wrist and missing spring practice. But he thinks his father's training and having played in more games than Buechele the last two years give him an edge.

Buechele might have the advantage, however, because he is starting his third season (including a redshirt year) at Fresno State.

But a leader has yet to be pegged in this family circle.

—JOHN AKERS



Eric Buechele

in not being able to focus in on the play. I said, 'Boy, there's something special here.'"

Shea, now a coach at California, said Perez retained the concepts he learned as well as any quarterback he has been around. Dan Henson, the new quarterbacks coach at San Jose State, called Perez an on-field coach. Gilbert goes even further.

"He has a high football intelligence that comes naturally to him," he said. "He's into it like a coach is into it. It's an exceptional and rare individual who is like that. I've been in coaching 28 years, and I've never seen anyone like him."

"When you look at all the areas—the physical ability, the understanding of the game, the leadership—it all adds up to something special."

Special enough to be considered for the Heisman, which might have been a staggering thought a year ago. He had never talked to reporters at Taft, so his shyness and lack of media experience made for one tough interview. In a whole page of quotes about Perez in the San Jose State press guide, not one was from him.

Fortunately, the past year has prepared him for all the attention.

"I remember a speech class at Taft," he said. "It was even tough to get in front of people back there."

That part has become much easier for him. He speaks comfortably now to reporters and before large groups. He has even been grand marshal of San Jose's Cinco de Mayo Parade celebrating Mexico's independence.

Paula Perez flew in for that one, too. ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

The university president says the community must raise \$300,000 in a month for the football program to be saved. The coach leaves with a week left in the fund-raising drive. In the next three months, and within days of each other, the basketball coach and athletic director announce their resignations.

Just what do we have here at **Long Beach State**? Is it mutiny, President Horn? Time to declare every man for himself (and so sorry if there is no room left in the lifeboats)?

Perhaps not. The \$300,000 was raised close enough to the December 31 deadline to count for Long Beach State President Stephen Horn. Coach Mike Sheppard did resign for a similar job at New Mexico, but assistant coach Larry Reisbig was promoted to the post within 18 hours. As for the resignations of basketball coach Ron Palmer (personal reasons) and athletic director John Kasser (to join the College Football Association), they apparently weren't related to the crisis.

"I had no question when the fund-raiser started that we would raise the money," Reisbig said. "If you were in the community, you just knew there was no way it

was going to fail. The thing that's exciting to me now is that I have the whole community behind me."

It wasn't always that way. Even though the 49ers finished 6-5, breaking .500 for the first time in three seasons, their average attendance was only 6,351. When Horn delivered his \$300,000 ultimatum, the athletic department had a \$719,000 budget deficit that was heading toward \$1 million.

Needless to say, Horn didn't become popular during the fund-raising period. Sheppard was upset that the ultimatum hit the newspapers Thanksgiving Day, two days before his team's final game. The fund-raising drive was held during a critical time in the recruiting of the junior college athletes upon whom the 49ers depend. And boosters thought Horn was trying to shift responsibility from himself to the community.

And yet, the community responded with a collective "We'll show you." A Long Beach mortgage company donated \$30,000. A \$100-a-plate dinner near the original deadline raised more than \$12,000 and was attended by Fullerton State Coach Gene Murphy, actor Buddy Ebsen and Los Angeles Rams lineman Dennis Harrah. Former 49er basketball coaches Jerry Tarkanian and Lute Olson sent checks.

But Horn's ultimatum also called for \$500,000 to be raised annually, beginning in June 1988. A strained relationship between the university administration and the 49er Athletic Foundation, a fund-raising body, have left future seasons in doubt.

And needless to say, recruiting suffered. But only two players have transferred, and those were for reasons only partially related to the program's problems.

"This has not hurt us as much as we anticipated," Reisbig said. "How the turmoil itself will hurt us, I don't know."

Reisbig, who spent 12 years as a junior college coach, hopes to have countered the recruiting problem by finding junior college players who weren't eligible until this fall and were able to delay their commitments. Such players are the key to a successful 49er season.

"Then we have a chance to be very competitive," Reisbig said. "If they don't (attend Long Beach State), we'll be scraping."

Reisbig is desperately seeking offensive linemen. The only returning starter up front is center Mike Hollingshaus, and the best replacements figure to be the aforementioned fall arrivals.

A strong line is important as Reisbig tries to produce a more balanced offense. Junior quarterback Jeff Graham threw for 2,921 yards last season—76.1 percent of the offense.

The decision to tone down the passing game was simplified by the loss of All-PCAA fullback Mark Templeton, who caught 99 passes last season, and talented wide receiver Charles Lockett. The return of tailback Michael Roberts, who averaged 4.8 yards on 71 carries, also made the decision easier. But Graham still will put the ball in the air, and look

for sophomore Derek Washington to be his primary target.

Though the 49ers have only four returning defensive starters—one more than the offense—that unit is a source of less immediate concern. Reisbig will rebuild around end Al Aikins, linebacker Jon McMaster and defensive back Stacey Alexander.

Though the financial situation at Long Beach State looks better now than it did a few months ago, it probably isn't time to batten down the hatches and yell "Full speed ahead!"—not unless the 49ers attack their problem the way **San Jose State** did last season.

The Spartan athletic department had fallen \$300,000 short of its budget in 1985, thanks in large part to a 2-8-1 football season. Prospects were much the same for 1986. What happened next could be a script for "Amazing Stories."

Mike Perez emerged from a four-way battle at quarterback during spring practice to lead the nation in total offense and win all-conference honors. After allowing 30.8 points per game in 1985, the Spartans adopted the Chicago Bears' "46" defense, which took away the run (allowing only 1.9 yards per carry) to set up the blitz. In the process they won the PCAA title and their last nine games of the season, including a 37-7 victory over Miami of Ohio in the California Bowl.

That's one way to make a budget stable.

It's also one way to heighten expectations. With the return of Perez, a Heisman Trophy candidate, and half a dozen other all-conference candidates, only failure could surprise the Spartans this season.

All-PCAA tailback Kenny Jackson rushed for 1,117 yards and caught 51 passes last year and is a sound pass blocker. Slotback Guy Liggins, who caught 72 passes for 983 yards, is too fast to be covered by linebackers and too big (6-foot-2, 200 pounds) for many defensive backs. Defensively, Barry Kidney and Yepi Pauu are quick inside linebackers who operate well in the 46, and safeties Greg Cox and Ryan Rasnick are ferocious hitters.

Even the kicking game is sound. Sergio Olivarez hit 15 of 19 field-goal tries, and Tom Diehl averaged 40.7 yards per punt.

All this returning talent makes it downright difficult for fans to avoid wild optimism. When an opening on San Jose State's 1987 schedule still existed after Southern Methodist was handed the death penalty, the fans cried out for the Spartans to arrange a one-shot deal with Oklahoma. That's easier said than done, of course. Instead, they got a home opener with Division I-AA opponent Eastern Illinois.

"There's room for optimism, but when people are crying about Oklahoma, they're a little off-base," said Claude Gilbert, the PCAA Coach of the Year. "They are really off-base. We could prostitute ourselves for \$350,000 (the Sooners' guarantee for visiting teams), and if we got lucky, caused a couple of fumbles..."

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Fresno's Mike Withycombe.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Fresno State	The Bulldogs are looking for redemption. Jim Sweeney's squad has the right ingredients to return to the top.
2. San Jose State	Claude Gilbert continues his winning ways. Kenny Jackson is the most underrated back on the West Coast.
3. Nevada Las-Vegas	This team needs to play more consistently to move up. The Rebels lack depth, so injuries could ruin their season.
4. Long Beach State	This is the team of the future—if the program has a future. The 49ers might be playing their finale.
5. Fullerton State	Now that Gene Murphy has committed to the school, the Titans' outlook is bright. Watch closely.
6. Utah State	The rock-solid defensive line must keep opponents at bay while the offense finds a way to score.
7. Pacific	A return to the upper echelon is possible if the Tigers can manage to tighten the defense. Tough team to figure.
8. New Mexico State	Last year's starting quarterback lines up at wide receiver or defensive back. The Aggies' lines are undersized.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Jeff Graham	6-04	200	Junior	Long Beach State
Mike Perez	6-02	215	Senior	San Jose State

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Kenny Jackson	5-11	192	Senior	San Jose State
Michael Roberts	5-10	170	Junior	Long Beach State
Anthony Simien	5-07	164	Senior	Pacific
Kelly Skipper	5-06	180	Junior	Fresno State

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Kennedy Bryant	5-10	170	Senior	Pacific
Tod Decker	6-02	190	Junior	New Mexico State
Guy Liggins	6-02	200	Senior	San Jose State
Brock Smith	6-01	175	Senior	Fresno State
George Thomas	5-11	164	Senior	Nevada-Las Vegas
Derek Washington	6-03	180	Soph.	Long Beach State
Todd White	6-00	185	Senior	Fullerton State

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Cedric Davis	6-05	215	Soph.	Nevada-Las Vegas
Jim Thornton	6-03	245	Senior	Fullerton State

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Phil Benson	6-01	260	Senior	Fullerton State
Joseph Bowser	6-05	290	Junior	New Mexico State
Mike Contreras	6-03	260	Senior	Nevada-Las Vegas
Matt Fitts	6-04	270	Junior	Fullerton State
Rick Gerard	6-05	260	Senior	Nevada-Las Vegas
Ed Gillies	6-05	260	Senior	Fullerton State
Mike Hollingshaus	6-02	250	Senior	Long Beach State
Dennis McGowan	6-02	280	Senior	Pacific
Todd Storme	6-06	258	Senior	Utah State
Tom Sweeney	6-02	265	Senior	Nevada-Las Vegas
Mike Withycombe	6-06	297	Senior	Fresno State

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Al Aikins	6-02	250	Senior	Long Beach State
Joe Campbell	6-03	230	Senior	New Mexico State
Jethro Franklin	6-02	260	Senior	Fresno State
Rick Huck	6-03	255	Junior	Fresno State
Gary Hulsey	6-06	310	Senior	Utah State
Brian Hunsaker	6-06	250	Junior	Utah State
Mike Williams	6-03	240	Senior	New Mexico State

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Bill Bryan	6-02	225	Junior	Fullerton State
Adrian Harris	6-02	210	Senior	Nevada-Las Vegas
Barry Kidney	6-01	225	Senior	San Jose State
Jon McMaster	6-02	215	Junior	Long Beach State
Anthony Nunn	6-02	250	Senior	Fresno State
John O'Leary	6-04	230	Senior	Fresno State
Yepi Pauu	6-00	220	Senior	San Jose State
Darnell Pickens	6-03	235	Senior	Nevada-Las Vegas
Bryan Riggs	6-02	230	Senior	Fullerton State
Mark Roberts	6-01	210	Senior	Pacific

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Stacey Alexander	5-10	160	Junior	Long Beach State
Tony Brown	5-10	172	Junior	Utah State
Greg Cox	6-00	209	Senior	San Jose State
James Howard	5-11	180	Junior	Fullerton State
Darrin Long	6-00	182	Senior	Utah State
Ryan Rasnick	5-10	180	Soph.	San Jose State
Rod Webster	6-00	185	Senior	Fresno State

KICKING SPECIALIST

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Barry Belli	5-10	167	Senior	Fresno State

RETURN SPECIALIST

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Kendal Smith	5-10	182	Junior	Utah State

FRESNO STATE

Coach: Jim Sweeney (70-31-1, 9 years; 127-110-2 overall, 22 years).

1986 Record: 9-2; PCAA: 6-1/2nd.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Stephen Baker, SE; Mike Chuh-lantseff, OG; David Grayson, LB; Cliff Hanne-mann, LB; Michael Stewart, S; Kevin Sweeney, QB; Gene Taylor, FL; James Williams, TB.

Starters Returning: Offense (1): Mike Withy-combe, T, 6-6/297, Sr. **Defense (4):** Jethro Franklin, E, 6-2/260, Sr.; Anthony Nunn, LB, 6-2/250, Sr.; John O'Leary, LB, 6-4/230, Sr.; Rod Webster, S, 6-0/185, Sr.

Key Returnees: Rich Bartlewski, TE, Soph.; Barry Belli, K/P, Sr.; Kelly Brooks, FB, Soph.; Eric Buechele, QB, Soph.; Matt Franz, LB, Jr. (RS/medical); Brian Greer, LB, Jr.; Thomas Ireland, CB, Soph.; James Rivera, LB, Sr.; Kelly Skipper, TB, Jr.; Brock Smith, SE, Sr.; Garry Walden, OG, Jr. (RS/medical); Fred Wilburn, CB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Andre Alexander, WR (JC); Claude Brown, S (RS/JC); William Brown, DE (JC); Adrian Cooks, FB; Dan English, QB (JC); Dave Ferguson, DE (transfer/Iowa State); Courtney Griffin, TB (RS); Rick Huck, DE (JC); Craig Jones, TE (JC); Chuck McCutchen, NG (JC); Tracy Rogers, LB (JC); Paul Vial, OG (transfer/Montana); Anthony Williams, WR (JC).



Long Beach's Michael Roberts.

PACIFIC

Coach: Bob Cope (16-30, 4 years).

1986 Record: 4-7; PCAA: 2-5/T6th.

Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Steve Clower, C; Carl Hancock, DE; Hue Jackson, QB; James Mackey, RB; Steve Michaels, FB; Jeff Plunkett, LB; Tim Richardson, RB; Ron Talbot, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (3): Kennedy Bryant, WR, 5-10/170, Sr.; Dennis McGowan, G, 6-2/280, Sr.; Eric Miller, TE, 6-3/235, Soph. **Defense (6):** Cedell Bush, S, 6-0/187, Sr.; Mike Fischer, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; Mike McMaster, LB, 6-2/195, Jr. (switched from S); Mark Roberts, LB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Dave Thistle, LB, 6-2/210, Sr. (switched from S); Marvin Williams, NG/T, 6-3/223, Sr.

Key Returnees: Ken Calender, DT, Sr.; Troy Cole, WR, Jr. (RS); Ted Diehl, OT, Jr.; John Grim, FB, Jr.; Booker Guyton, WR, Sr.; Richard Harris, DL, Soph.; Mike Hawkins, LB, Jr.; Todd Herrington, LB, Sr. (RS/medical); Greg Koperck, CB, Soph. (RS/medical); Chad Kura-shige, LB, Soph.; Chris Mendenhall, FB, Sr.; Bob Norbeck, C, Soph.; Jamie Nott, OG, Soph.; (RS/shoulder); Chris Podesto, FB, Sr.; Rodney Powell, QB, Soph.; Anthony Simien, RB, Sr.; Andrew Thomas, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Ron Beverly, QB (RS); Jason Edwards, QB/DB; Jason Frost, QB (JC).

FULLERTON STATE

Coach: Gene Murphy (37-44, 7 years; 52-51 overall, 9 years).

1986 Record: 3-9; PCAA: 2-5/T6th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Trent Baker, S; Rick Calhoun, RB; Sean Foy, LB; Ron McLean, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Ronnie Barber, QB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Phil Benson, C, 6-1/260, Sr.; Matt Fitts, G/T, 6-4/270, Jr. (missed spring/back); John Gibbs, WR, 6-0/170, Jr.; Ed Gillies, G/T, 6-5/260, Sr.; Greg Hammond, G, 5-11/260, Sr.; Jim Thornton, TE, 6-3/245, Sr.; Todd White, WR, 6-0/185, Sr. **Defense (5):** Bill Bryan, LB, 6-2/225, Jr.; Kelly Gogerty, T, 6-3/255, Sr.; Jeff Hipp, LB, 6-1/218, Jr.; James Howard, CB, 5-11/180, Jr.; Mike Schaffel, S, 6-0/190, Soph.

Key Returnees: Dupree Anderson, S, Soph.; Kevin Bernell, OT, Jr.; Bill Brennan, TE, Soph.; Tony Dill, QB, Soph. (RS/knee); Eric Franklin, HB, Sr.; James Good, OT, Sr.; Ted Hinton, LB, Sr.; Harold Jones, DE, Soph. (switched from NG); Mike Oliver, OT, Jr.; Tracey Pierce, HB, Sr.; Tyrone Pope, CB, Sr.; Todd Prukop, S, Soph.; Bryan Riggs, LB, Sr. (RS/knee); Tony Williams, CB, Jr. (RS/shoulder).

Top Newcomers: Tony Alvarez, OT; A.J. Jenkins, LB (JC); Michael Moore, RB (JC); William Robinson, FB (JC); Charlie Scott, NG (JC); Joe Scott, LB (JC).

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

Coach: Wayne Nunnely (6-5, 1 year).

1986 Record: 6-5; PCAA: 3-4/T4th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Anthony Blue, CB; Al Dominique, OT; Tony Gladney, TE; David Hollis, CB; Alvin Horn, S; Bob Hulberg, P; Kirk Jones, TB; Marion Knight, DT; Teddy Nelson, S/CB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Darrin Brightmon, FB, 5-10/195, Soph.; Mike Contreras, C, 6-3/260, Sr.; Cedric Davis, TE, 6-5/215, Soph.; Rick Gerard, T, 6-5/260, Sr.; Bill Operin, G, 6-3/255, Jr.; Tom Sweeney, G, 6-2/265, Sr.; George Thomas, WR, 5-11/164, Sr. **Defense (4):** Todd Cooks, LB, 5-10/201, Sr.; Adrian Harris, LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Darnell Pickens, LB, 6-3/235, Sr.; George Varon, LB, 6-0/210, Sr.

Key Returnees: Eugene Bowen, QB, Jr.; Chris Bridges, TE, Sr.; Randall Davis, LB, Soph.; Charles Dimry, DB, Sr.; Andrew Provence, LB, Jr.; Dustin Quinton, OT, Soph.; Malcolm White, LB, Sr.; George Williams, WR, Jr.; Doc Wise, DT, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Ron Banks, LB (RS); Terry Castro, DL (JC); Anthony Glover, LB (RS); Tilton Gray, DL (JC); John Nunley, RB (JC); Mike Reddick, WR (JC); Don Roberts, DB (RS); Gerald Robinson, DB (JC); Scott Sims, QB (RS); Ken Tucker, DB (JC); Richard Williams, LB (JC).

SAN JOSE STATE

Coach: Claude Gilbert (18-15-1, 3 years; 79-41-3 overall, 11 years).

1986 Record: 9-2; PCAA: 7-0/1st.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: John Aimonetti, OT; K.C. Clark, CB; Mark Dean, DT; David Diaz-Infante, OG; Sam Kennedy, LB; John King, CB; Lafo Maa-laulu, WR; Tim Stejskal, C; Wayne Woodard, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Mike Barnard, T, 6-5/251, Sr.; Kenny Jackson, TB, 5-11/192, Sr.; Bill Klump, TE, 6-2/220, Sr.; Guy Liggins, WR, 6-2/200, Sr.; Mike Perez, QB, 6-2/215, Sr.; James Saxon, FB/TB, 6-0/190, Sr. **Defense (5):** Greg Cox, S, 6-0/209, Sr.; Lloyd Forrest, LB, 6-2/212, Sr. (missed spring due to injuries suffered in auto accident); Barry Kidney, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Yepi Pauu, LB, 6-0/220, Sr.; Ryan Rasnick, S, 5-10/180, Soph.

Key Returnees: Chris Alexander, LB, Sr.; Everett Burns, S, Sr.; Jim Carter, OG, Sr. (switched from TE); Phil Frash, CB, Sr.; Rich Harbison, FB, Sr.; Mike Hutcherson, DT, Sr.; David Knox, LB, Jr.; Tony Locy, QB, Sr.; Doug McCreath, C/G, Sr.; John Pukini, DT, Jr. (RS); Kenny Roberts, WR, Sr.; Larry Sandson, NG, Sr.; Donald Stewart, FB, Sr.; Don Teague, C, Sr. (RS/shoulder); Tim Wells, LB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Norman Brown, LB (JC); John Collins, OG (JC).

LONG BEACH STATE

Coach: Larry Reisbig (first year at Long Beach State).

1986 Record: 6-5; PCAA: 4-3/3rd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Roger Beavers, S; Kwante Hampton, FL; Don Hiti, NG; Joe Iosefa, OL; Charles Lockett, WR; Greg Locy, TE; Mark Templeton, FB.

Starters Returning: Offense (3): Jeff Graham, QB, 6-4/200, Jr.; Mike Hollingshaus, C, 6-2/250, Sr.; Michael Roberts, RB, 5-10/170, Jr. **Defense (4):** Al Aikins, E, 6-2/250, Sr.; Stacey Alexander, DB, 5-10/160, Jr.; Mike McCauley, E, 6-4/248, Sr.; Phil Morrison, LB, 6-1/220, Jr. **Key Returnees:** Chris Andrews, NG, Sr.; Brian Browning, TB, Jr.; Nate Deaton, NG, Sr.; John Mattson, FB, Jr.; Tyrone McCullough, FL, Sr.; Jon McMaster, LB, Jr. (RS/medical); Guy Mohr, LB/DE, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder); David Riley, LB, Soph.; Derek Washington, WR, Soph.; Eric Weetman, K, Soph.; Brian White, TE, Soph.; Ricco Wilson, FB, Jr.; Brian Wiss, TE, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Jeff Beilman, TE (JC); Tom Cochran, LB; Anthony Ford, RB, Soph.; Troy Hanley, DE; Keith Jenkins, CB (JC); Pepper Jenkins, LB; Karlos Kirby, RB (RS); Richard Kors, DB (RS/JC); Willie Lujon, P (JC); Rick Murray, LB (RS/medical); Pat Quigley, LB (JC/Illinois); Brian Smith, OT (JC).

NEW MEXICO STATE

Coach: Mike Knoll (1-10, 1 year).

1986 Record: 1-10; PCAA: 1-6/8th.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Jon Dickens, C; Bobby Kinder, LB; Sadao Langfeldt, WR; George Nedd, LB; Jason Young, DE.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Keith Lott, RB, 5-11/190, Sr.; Andy Miller, G, 6-4/260, Jr.; Jim Miller, QB, 6-1/195, Sr. (switched to S); John Roberts, T, 6-3/265, Sr. (might switch to DT); Bennie Thomas, WR, 5-10/163, Soph.; Roger Turner, G, 6-4/240, Jr. **Defense (6):** Joe Campbell, E, 6-3/230, Sr.; Lenny Moore, T, 6-0/220, Sr.; Todd Parker, S, 6-0/180, Sr.; Elias Ruiz, LB, 6-0/215, Sr.; Kraig Thompson, CB, 5-11/175, Soph.; Mike Williams, E, 6-3/240, Sr.

Key Returnees: Gary Aldaz, P, Soph.; Roger Bocoxy, FB, Sr.; Pat Brown, RB, Sr.; Rod Carter, RB, Jr. (RS/knee); Bob Cox, DB/KR, Soph.; Sam Dickey, LB, Soph.; Mike Hall, DB, Soph.; Ernest Hollowell, WR, Soph. (switched from CB); Jim Matthews, OT, Jr.; John McGough, LB, Sr.; James Noel, TE, Jr. (switched from DE); Anthony Singleton, RB, Soph.; Phil Vin-son, QB, Soph.; Johnny Walker, DT, Jr.; Tracy Watkins, TE, Sr. (switched from LB).

Top Newcomers: Joseph Bowser, OT (JC); Tod Decker, WR (JC); Bryan Love, WR (JC); Tommy Thomas, RB/CB (JC).

UTAH STATE

Coach: Chuck Shelton (3-8, 1 year; 43-67, 10 years).

1986 Record: 3-8; PCAA: 3-4/T4th.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Matt Hanousek, OG; Mark Mraz, DE; Jim Pauciello, DT; Tom Ponich, QB; Al Smith, LB; Navy Tuiasosopo, C.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Demetrius Brown, RB, 5-7/181, Soph.; Jerry Brown, G, 6-5/265, Jr.; Pete Maiden, TE, 6-3/221, Sr.; Pat Newman, FL, 6-0/194, Soph.; Brett Schnitzius, T, 6-6/283, Sr.; Kendal Smith, SE, 5-10/182, Jr.; Todd Storme, T, 6-6/258, Sr. **Defense (6):** Tony Brown, CB, 5-10/172, Jr.; Poudre Davis, CB, 6-0/177, Sr.; Gary Hulsey, T, 6-6/310, Sr.; Brian Hunsaker, NG/T, 6-6/250, Jr.; Darrin Long, S, 6-0/182, Sr.; Chad Troxclair, S, 6-3/194, Sr.

Key Returnees: Dene Garner, K, Sr.; Herick Mandel, P, Sr.; Jim Otto, LB, Sr.; Scott Sbranti, LB, Sr.; Timo Tagalao, RB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Kevin Bray, QB (JC); Andy Brown, LB (JC); Eric Chaudron, QB (JC); Nathan Kaczor, C (JC); Donald Miller, DE (JC); Scott Munson, RB (RS); Brett Payne, RB (transfer/Air Force); Tim Rath, DE (RS); Tim Ray, RB (transfer/Drake); Rick Rosales, OG (JC); Johnny Smith, DE (JC); Brent Snyder, QB (JC); Russ Widerburg, QB (JC); Kevin Yates, RB (transfer/San Diego State).

"But in all truth, I'd rather play the New York Giants. I think Oklahoma is in a different league than the rest of us. For people to sit there and think we're capable of lining up against that kind of talent week in and week out, they're dreaming."

In other words, the Spartans should be good this season, but California Bowl officials shouldn't worry about them trying to break from the league's agreement with the bowl to get into a national-title matchup. The Spartans' objective is to get back to the California Bowl.

"We could have a great team," Gilbert said. "It remains to be seen."

San Jose State will miss All-PCAA cornerback K.C. Clark and All-PCAA wide receiver Lafo Malauulu, who might be the player Gilbert finds hardest to replace. Junior college transfer Scott Wells will try. Gilbert signed six cornerbacks to fill two openings.

The linebacking unit is strong but was dealt a blow when senior Lloyd Forrest suffered a broken leg when hit by a drunk driver on New Year's Eve. He is expected to return but could be redshirted if he isn't at full strength by fall.

Gilbert's chief concern is an absence of experienced linemen on both sides of the ball. The Spartans lost three All-PCAA offensive linemen and all three starters on the defensive line.

Changes on the defensive front are likely to come from redshirts and two experienced reserves, Larry Sandson and Mike Hutcherson. The offensive line still could be good with tackle Mike Barnard, a returning starter; center Don Teague, a starter in 1985 who missed last season because of a shoulder injury, and guard John Collins, a highly touted junior college transfer.

Fresno State Coach Jim Sweeney understands the importance of an experienced offensive line. A year ago, the Bulldogs seemed a lock to win the PCAA title. But the Bulldogs had only one starter returning on the offensive line. They had trouble protecting All-PCAA quarterback Kevin Sweeney, now the NCAA's career passing leader, in the game that counted most, a 45-41 loss to San Jose State. Sweeney bravely played the rest of the season with badly bruised shoulders, but he threw for more than 200 yards in only one of the seven games that followed.

"A quarterback can make the plays," Jim Sweeney said, "but if he's fighting for his life, it takes its toll on you."

This fall, the Bulldogs are missing more than just linemen. Only five starters return from that 9-2 team, and gone are Kevin Sweeney and five other all-conference performers.

"We're talking about a massive overhaul," Jim Sweeney said. "We lose 26 players who were part of the winningest football team in the West."

The defense should be sound. All-PCAA end Jethro Franklin, an Outland Trophy candidate who had 19½ sacks last season, and junior college stars Rick Huck and Chuck McCutchen could form the league's best defensive line. Three-fourths of the secondary departed, but senior Rod Web-



All-PCAA placekicker Barry Belli (above) produces points for Fresno State while Jeff Graham (below) is the trigger man for Long Beach State.



ster is a good free safety. And seniors John O'Leary and Anthony Nunn are a good pair of linebackers. With last year's leftovers and extensive junior college recruiting, Sweeney should be able to fill the various holes without too much of a drop-off in performance.

But the offense needs major revamping. All-PCAA tackle Mike Withycombe is the only returning starter.

Last year's backups, such as Kelly Skipper and Brock Smith, will be counted on to replace such stars as tailback James Williams and All-PCAA split end Stephen Baker. Fortunately for Fresno State, Skipper and Smith are pretty talented. Skipper rushed for 518 yards last fall, and Smith caught 14 passes for 298 yards.

The Bulldogs are bound to be weaker at quarterback, but either sophomore Eric Buechele or junior college transfer Dan English should be a solid replacement.

If the Bulldogs can get within field-goal range, senior Barry Belli is close to a sure thing. The All-PCAA placekicker is within 27 field goals and 115 points—both within reach, but neither a chip shot—of breaking two Division I career records.

At **Nevada-Las Vegas**, Coach Wayne Nunnely is trying to figure out how he can replace perhaps the West's best defensive backfield. All four starters are gone, including All-PCAA cornerback David Hollis.

"With the secondary we had, not many young guys had the opportunity to play," Nunnely said. "How well they do depends how well the junior college guys we brought in do."

Cornerback Charles Dimry, a starter until breaking his leg midway through last season, is all that remains of that secondary, but he's a good one.

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"He was our best athlete in the secondary," Nunnely said. "He was our best one-on-one coverage guy."

Nunnely and his staff did well plucking the plum recruits from California's junior colleges. If they can mesh quickly with the 11 starters returning from a 6-5 team, the Rebels might make a run at San Jose State and Fresno State.

Of those junior college recruits, Gerald Robinson should help restore the secondary; quarterback Richard Williams will challenge Eugene Bowen, a reserve last season; Mike Reddick could play wide receiver or in the offensive backfield, and John Nunley, a junior-college All-America who was redshirted last season, can play running back.

With four solid linebackers returning, Nunnely won't need any recruits to start there. Seniors Darnell Pickens and Adrian Harris rate among the league's top linebackers.

Nunnely will switch from the I-formation to a multiple set, perhaps to take advantage of the Rebels' most talented returning players—wide receiver George Thomas and sophomore tight end Cedric Davis. Thomas caught 34 passes for 808 yards (23.8-yard average) and was the league's most dangerous kickoff returner last year.

The Rebels will be strongest offensively up front. Four starters are back, including center Mike Contreras, guard Tom Sweeney and tackle Rick Gerard.

Fullerton State has the manpower to improve on its 3-9 season in 1986. The Titans are adding a dozen Proposition 48 victims who were unable to play last season, not to mention 10 junior college transfers.

Among the transfers is A.J. Jenkins, who should help form the league's best linebacking crew—even without All-PCAA pick Sean Foy. Jenkins figures to flank inside linebackers Bill Bryan and Bryan Riggs, provided Riggs recovers from knee surgery that ended his 1986 season prematurely. Room also must be made for junior Jeff Hipp, who did a fine job in Riggs' place last season.

Junior cornerback James Howard is the only other potential standout on a defense that last year allowed a league-high 421.9 yards per game.

"Defense is where we need to be stronger if we're to be competitive," Coach Gene Murphy said.

The offense, however, lost All-PCAA running back Rick Calhoun, the league's leading rusher last fall (1,398 yards). His absence might dictate a shift in strategy for the Titans, who ran the ball more than any PCAA team other than wishbone-employing Pacific.

Any of three quarterbacks could start. After sophomore Tony Dill was injured last season, junior college transfer Ronnie Barber surrendered a redshirt opportunity and took his place. Sophomore Carlos Siragusa also played and might be ready. But after throwing for 1,613 yards and 14 touchdowns last year, Barber is the man to beat.

The receiving corps features two poten-



Nevada-Las Vegas' George Thomas is a talented wide receiver and kick returner.

tial standouts in wide receiver Todd White (41 receptions) and tight end Jim Thornton.

The Titans' best player is Ed Gillies, who has been moved from offensive tackle to guard. Murphy said Gillies could become one of the best linemen in school history. Center Phil Benson and tackle-turned-guard Matt Fitts, who should be recovered from a back injury that kept him out of spring drills, join Gillies to give the Titans a strong interior line.

Utah State Coach Chuck Shelton went to the California junior colleges to search for a quarterback and came home with four. Shelton will choose a starter from among Russ Widerburg, Brent Snyder, Kevin Bray and Eric Chaudron.

"Judging from their athletic backgrounds, all four of them are valid starters in our program," said Shelton, whose Aggies went 3-8 in his first season.

The offensive backfield will be bolstered even further when running backs Demetrius Brown and Timo Tagaloa are joined by three transfers from major colleges.

Maybe among all the new faces are some guys who can put some color back into the league's most anemic offense. The Aggies averaged only 1.8 yards per running play and completed only 40.9 percent of their passes. If there was a bright spot, it was all-purpose receiver Kendal Smith, who also is a top-notch kick returner. Tackle Todd Storme is the best of the returning linemen.

"We have the guts now for a pretty good offense," Shelton said, "if the trigger man can get the job done."

When the offense stalls, Shelton can count on All-PCAA punter Herick Mandel

(a league-high 42.9-yard average) to get the Aggies out of jams.

Their defense, typically tough, kept the Aggies in games and should do the same this season despite the loss of linebacker Al Smith, the league's Defensive Player of the Year, and All-PCAA linemen Jim Pauciello and Mark Mraz.

Shelton thinks noseguard Brian Hunsaker and 310-pound tackle Gary Hulsey are comparable to Pauciello and Mraz. An outstanding defensive backfield remains intact. Safety Darrin Long had six interceptions, while cornerback Tony Brown picked off five.

With almost 50 freshmen and sophomores on its roster, plus several more newcomers, **Pacific** will be young this fall. But Coach Bob Cope believes it will be his most talented team yet.

"Our pregame meal will be pabulum," he said. "But I'd rather be young and talented than old and bad."

The Tigers were only 4-7 last year, but the record is deceptive. They defeated Minnesota, 24-20, and lost five games by four points or less. The team also suffered several injuries through the season.

"When we left Minnesota," Cope said, "I honestly believed we had a chance to win the conference if we could stay well. But we couldn't stay well."

Cope must replace his entire backfield—not an easy task when running the wishbone. Sophomore Rodney Powell and red-shirt freshman Ron Beverly will compete at quarterback. Running back Anthony Simien and fullback Chris Mendenhall, both seniors, will get their opportunities to start this fall.

Wide receiver Kennedy Bryant and guard Dennis McGowan, two of only three offensive returning starters, are potential standouts for the Tigers.

The Pacific defense still has some catching up to do with its high-powered offense. But the Tigers' best player—offense or defense—should be senior Mark Roberts, who has been moved from outside to inside linebacker.

After **New Mexico State** went 1-10 in Coach Mike Knoll's first year, some changes were in order. Knoll started at the top by moving veteran quarterback Jim Miller to safety and replacing him with Phil Vinson, a promising sophomore.

Vinson will work behind a line anchored by tackle Joseph Bowser and will throw to wide receiver Tod Decker, a talented pair of junior college transfers who could emerge as all-conference candidates.

Though the defense is average overall, the line is effective. Seniors Mike Williams and Joe Campbell are the best pair of ends in the league.

Twelve starters return in all, but Knoll is hoping some new blood will lift New Mexico State out of the doldrums. After the Aggies beat a regular PCAA opponent (Fullerton State) last fall for the first time since joining the league in 1984, the rest of the league outscored them by an average of 24.7 points per game. ■

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King of the Aztecs

Denny Stolz Puts San Diego State Back on the Map

By ED ZIERALSKI

A surgeon once shared some medical wisdom with San Diego State Coach Denny Stolz. The difference between a good surgeon and a great one, he said, is judgment.

"I tell my quarterbacks the only difference between an average quarterback and a great one is judgment, the one thing that I can't teach," Stolz said. "Judgment is knowing which receiver to go to, when to go to him. It's decisions under pressure. I've told that to every quarterback who ever played for me."

Stolz's latest surgeon is Todd Santos, an unassuming 23-year-old senior who enters the 1987 season with the eyes of the college football world turned his way. Santos has used "surgeon's judgment" to become San Diego State's all-time leading passer with 7,493 yards. Santos needs to average 261 passing yards per game over the Aztecs' 12-game schedule to become the leading passer in NCAA history. He averaged 255 last season.

Santos now ranks 23rd on the NCAA passing yardage list, but is poised to pass the likes of Jim Plunkett, Chuck Long, John Elway, Jim McMahon (the Western Athletic Conference's all-time leader) and the three members of the 10,000-yard club—Brian McClure, Doug Flutie and Kevin Sweeney, the former Fresno State quarterback who has the all-time passing yardage mark with 10,280 yards.

"Some pretty great names there, huh," Santos says to that.

Coincidentally, Sweeney is from Fresno, Calif., some 20 miles from Santos' parents' home in Selma. Santos and Sweeney worked out together the summer before Sweeney broke Flutie's record. Now it's Santos' turn.

Stolz knows a little bit about one of the other 10,000-yard passers. He recruited, signed, coached and counseled McClure when the two were putting Bowling Green State on the football map from 1982 to 1985.

McClure led Bowling Green to two Mid-American Conference championships in his four years there before being drafted by the National Football League's Buffalo Bills.

Santos led the Aztecs to their first WAC championship last season and first-ever appearance in the Holiday Bowl. There are many observers who think he can get them there again.

Another WAC title, an NCAA passing record, a Heisman Trophy? This is the gold at the end of Santos' 1987 football rainbow. One of the major reasons he has



San Diego State Coach Denny Stolz and his chief surgeon, quarterback Todd Santos, are looking for another record-breaking season.

such opportunities is Stolz, the coach whose magic touch turned a hopeless 5-6-1 team into a competitive champion last season. San Diego State's 8-4 record included a tough loss to Iowa in the Holiday Bowl.

To understand the special relationship that has developed between Stolz and Santos, consider this exchange that took place in the Aztecs' locker room just one day before the end of 1987 spring drills.

Asked what kind of spring Santos had, Stolz said: "He's had an excellent spring, until this week. He threw a few interceptions out there today. But he hadn't practiced in a week. He was just throwing to the other guys to see if they were awake, to see if they were looking at him."

"Baitin' 'em, coach," Santos said, offering some of the dry humor that usually breaks up Stolz.

The coach then offered this half-bragging assessment of what 1987 holds in store. "I'm going to be the only coach in college football history to have two, 10,000-yard passers," he said. "And let me tell you, Todd is going to earn every yard of it. I'm not going to call one more pass than I called a year ago."

"Hey, that's great," Santos said.

It's easy for Santos to downplay and look past the inevitable pressure that eventually will accompany every pass he throws. But Stolz knows better. He was there with McClure and he knows what's ahead for Santos (pronounced Santis).

"In a way, the stories are very, very similar," Stolz said. "I think the difference is that Santos is leading a nationally recognized team against a major, major college schedule, whereas McClure was the story himself, nationally."

"The difference is that Santos and San Diego State, now because of national exposure, are much more recognizable than McClure and Bowling Green were. The story here has many more tentacles to it—our new football building here, the Holiday Bowl game against Iowa last year, the WAC championship and West Coast football in general."

And what about the Heisman Trophy? Santos feels honored just to be mentioned as a candidate.

"The first thing I worried about when I got here was making the team," Santos said. "Next was worrying about starting. I never really thought about the Heisman or the other honors. But it's great. It's just a super honor. Last year I heard that I might be a candidate. It was exciting, just hearing it. There's a lot of big-time names there."

Stolz said he developed a good relationship with Santos "almost instantly," after arriving in December 1985 to replace Doug Scovil, who had been fired. Scovil had recruited Santos and had coached him for two years. Critics were quick to point out the youngster's inconsistency,

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even though he already had passed for 4,940 yards. What, those same critics now ask, would Santos have done with four years under Stolz?

"The timing was just right for a guy like Coach Stolz to come in here," Santos said. "We were pretty down at that time. We hadn't had a winning season in three years. I'm not knocking the old staff, but there were a lot of veterans who wanted to go out as winners, and they saw this as their last chance."

"He pulled us together as a unit, as a family. The first thing he told us is that he thought we could be champions. He said, 'Do what we say, and you'll be champions.'"

Stolz said the magic words and his new players got the message, loud and clear. Defensive lineman Mike Hooper said he got goose bumps during the meeting in which Stolz fired his first psychological salvo. It wouldn't be the last goose bumps he would get after falling under the spell of one of football's first-rate motivators. Those who know Stolz call him charismatic.

"There's no one better when it's Showtime," said Jon Hoke, who coached with Stolz at Bowling Green and has joined his staff at San Diego State.

When he arrived at San Diego State, Stolz took a good hard look and rolled up his sleeves.

"I never saw Denny work harder," said defensive coordinator Tim McConnell, who like Hoke was with Stolz at Bowling Green. "We were worn out as a staff after that season, not just from coaching but from having to talk these kids into believing they could be winners. No one does that better than Denny."

And his coaching history proves that. Stolz began at Alma College in 1965 and went on to coach at Michigan State and Bowling Green before accepting the San Diego State position. At each stop he rebuilt sagging football fortunes and earned coach-of-the-year accolades. His teams have compiled a 117-78-2 record and he has guided teams to six conference titles. Stolz was made to order for San Diego State, one of college football's sleeping giants.

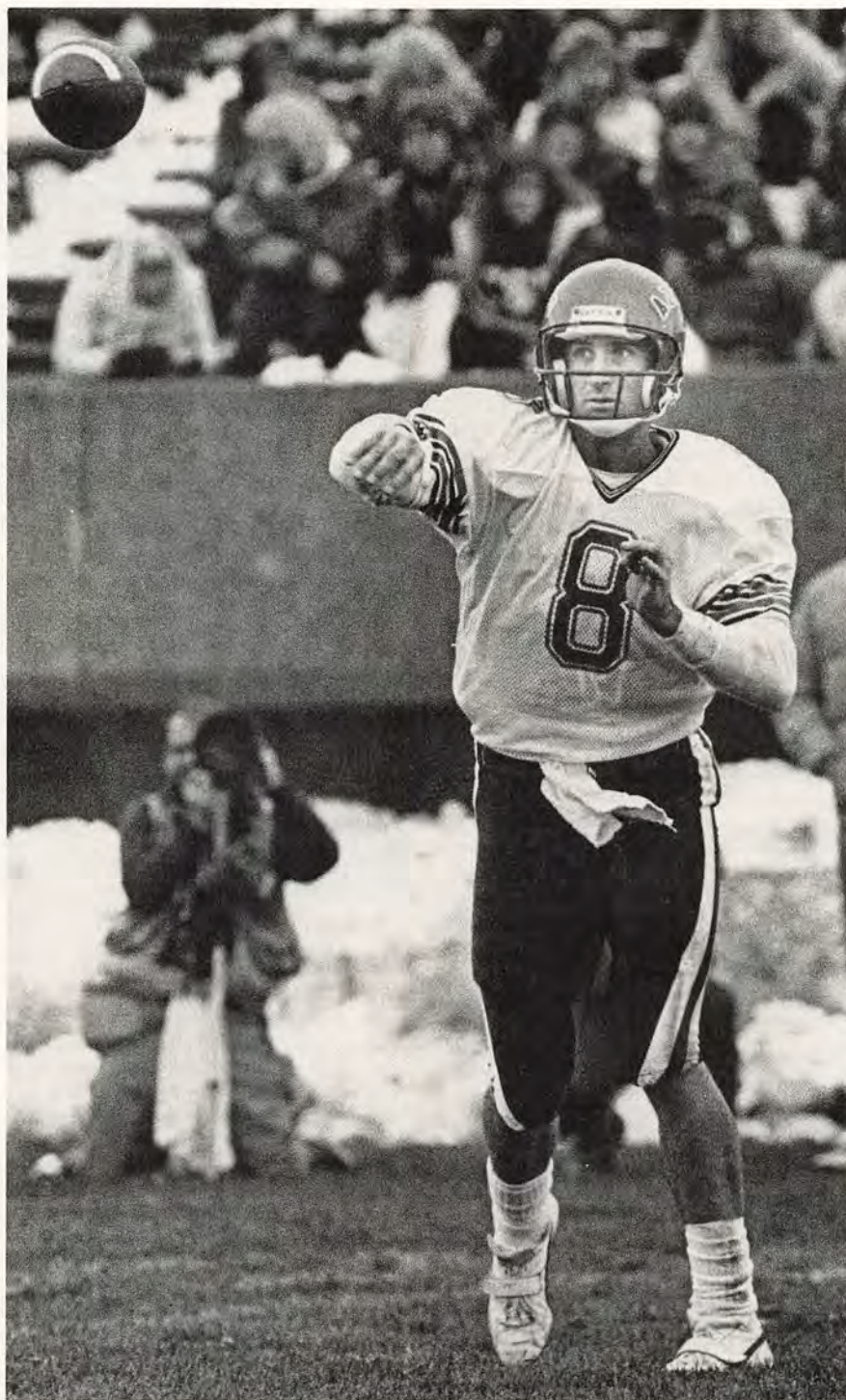
It was at Alma that Stolz established his reputation for coaching dominant quarterbacks. Everywhere he went, the reputation remained intact.

"I've always had great quarterbacks," he said.

While at Alma, Stolz also received invaluable coaching knowledge, mainly because he had to do most of the work himself. At Michigan State he served as Duffy Daugherty's defensive coordinator until 1973. When Duffy retired, Stolz took over as head coach.

"I took over a program with which I was very familiar," Stolz said. "But I had a little problem there. We were an option wishbone team under Duffy, and we moved in the direction of a dropback passing game. That was an easier transition in building a program. We were only a .500 team there."

It was at Michigan State that Stolz re-



Aztec quarterback Todd Santos will have to post some impressive numbers in 1987 to become the NCAA's all-time leading passer.

ceived his first exposure to big-time college recruiting.

"That really helped me understand what it was going to take in any big job in the future," Stolz said.

You learn fast when you have to bump heads with the likes of Ohio State's Woody Hayes and Michigan's Bo Schembechler. Right away, Stolz discovered that his Spartans were part of the Little Eight, far behind Woody and Bo's Big Two.

"We took the attitude that we were just as good as anybody else," Stolz said. "That really helped me against Bo and Woody."

And while Stolz was fighting his first

real recruiting battles, he also was developing his coaching style.

"There is a real discipline in the Midwest coaching ranks," Stolz said. "It's probably a little bit too disciplined. It's the attitude that 'We'll work 24 hours a day, and 12 months a year.' I think Woody went to his grave saying, 'You'll never outwork me.'"

"Naturally, those things rub off on young coaches. But I soon found out that was an oversimplification of what it takes to win. It wasn't true then, and it isn't true now."

That's why Aztec coaches seldom burn

the midnight oil, getting their work done during normal hours. Stolz is a great believer in "quality time," a fact to which his players would quickly attest. Practices go a maximum of two hours.

Recruiting violations at Michigan State cost Stolz his job. He was never implicated in any wrongdoing, but the NCAA put the Spartans on probation and Stolz resigned.

But he wasn't through yet. He took what he had learned at Alma and Michigan State and applied it at his new school, Bowling Green.

"Bowling Green always had been pretty good, but they couldn't win a championship," Stolz said. "That first year at Bowling Green was a little similar to the program here at San Diego State in that the team I took over was very senior-dominated. Then, the cupboard below those kids was absolutely barren.

"So, it took a little bit more of a building process there. Then it became apparent that it was difficult to recruit to Bowling Green. It took us a while to find our niche."

Stolz found the magic formula. He went into Michigan and found some quality athletes, mixed them with some junior college transfers from California and added one big kid to play quarterback. That, of course, was Rootstown, O., native McClure.

The thread of consistency that accompanies Stolz wherever he goes, however, is his desire to motivate.

"The motivating of the Alma team to

become a winner," Stolz said. "The motivating of the Michigan State team to get out of the shadow of Ohio State, Michigan and Notre Dame. Going to Bowling Green and saying, 'Hey, you've always been good, but you can't win championships. This is how we're going to do that.' Then we won two in my last two years.

"They are all similar to San Diego State. Here, we took a talented group of older players and molded them and motivated them into a winning team. We spent a lot of time with that. I spent as much time talking to last year's team as I did coaching them.

"I couldn't seem to get through to them that they were, right now, as good as anybody in the conference. Quite frankly, I don't think anybody had told them how good they were."

Stolz would like nothing more than to guide his Aztecs to another WAC championship in 1987 and he has just the right weapon in Santos. In just one year, Stolz has come to appreciate his quarterback—and vice-versa. That's the kind of coach-quarterback chemistry that usually takes three or more years to develop.

"I don't think I can explain it," Stolz said. "But there is just a relationship between the quarterback and head football coach, if he coaches—and I'm critical of head coaches who don't coach. If a head coach coaches, then he coaches the quarterback. It's just a chemistry that you can feel. But we're two very different personalities."

Santos talks of knowing right where he stands with Stolz. He said his coach supported him right from the beginning.

"He really lets me build up confidence and backs me up," Santos said. "That's always been important to me."

Said Stolz: "After I worked with him two, three days, I brought him off the practice field and said, 'Todd, you are my quarterback. I want you to quit worrying about other people and things you have no control over. You are my quarterback. You just learn my scheme and how we do things. You don't have to spend one ounce of energy worrying about who is No. 1, or No. 2.'

"I think at that time, a huge load came off his shoulders because I got the impression watching him on film as a sophomore and a freshman that he was a little bit skiddish and nervous and I had the impression that maybe he didn't know if he was No. 1 or No. 2 the way they shuffled him and (reserve quarterback) Jim Plum back and forth.

"That solidified the chemistry between Todd and myself. And he has never made me regret the decision."

More than anything, Stolz said that he and Santos think alike on the football field.

"He seems to understand just what I want, and he reads defenses exactly the way I do," Stolz said. "I've made it very easy for him. He's the most publicized

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Who'll Fill Buck's and Knight's Shoes?



Brigham Young Coach LaVell Edwards spent much of spring practice looking for the right people to replace his huge defensive tackles, Outland Trophy winner Jason Buck and All-Western Athletic Conference pick Shawn Knight. He found his men in—of all places—his linebacking corps.

When the Cougars' defensive unit takes the field for the first time in 1987, a couple of small fries are expected to flank returning nose-guard Dave Futrell. The likely replacements—6-foot-4, 245-pound senior Steve Kaufusi and 6-5, 250-pound junior Tim Clark—are not little compared with the rest of the population, but they don't quite measure up to the 6-6, 275-pound Buck and the 6-6, 288-pound Knight.

"You don't replace players like Buck and Knight," Edwards said. "I've been coaching for 25 years and have never been around two players on the same line who were as dominating as those two. It means we might have to get more help from our linebackers and secondary, but we expect the net result to be a good defensive team."

That's because the Cougars "are making some changes in our strategy

and philosophy, and I think Kaufusi and Clark will be helped by those changes," defensive line coach Tom Ramage said.

Kaufusi and Clark, a pair of former



Tim Clark



Steve Kaufusi

linebackers, are small for contemporary down linemen. But Edwards and Ramage believe the players will be effective at tackle because of the team's revised defensive strategy—less power, more flash and dash.

"Kaufusi is very quick, a good pass rusher who has good strength but lacks size," Ramage said. "He lost a lot of weight in order to play linebacker last fall, but he could gain some back by next fall."

Said Kaufusi: "I feel more confident

at tackle than I did at linebacker. I settled for linebacker because I knew I wouldn't get much playing time behind Jason. Now he's gone and it's my turn."

Clark, who played down lineman with the junior varsity squad in 1982, still is showing the effects of a two-year church mission he served in South Korea.

"When he returned we redshirted him in '85," Ramage said. "He lost a lot of weight on his mission, dropping about 40 pounds to 215, and he has been working hard to gain it back. He got off to a slow start this spring but really came on fast in the final three weeks. He is really playing the best football on our line right now."

Clark said he welcomes the opportunity to fill some big shoes.

"Following those guys is exciting to me," he said. "It makes it more exciting and challenging and more fun to play the game."

A pair of tackles from Southern Methodist—6-3, 240-pound David Bryan and 6-5, 265-pound Dominik Unger—have made verbal (non-binding) commitments to BYU and could make late bids for jobs.

—MARION DUNN



Offensive linemen have their work cut out for them when they are asked to keep Hawaii's Samoan Sack

Man, 250-pound Al Noga, away from their quarterbacks.

player at San Diego State, and yet, he's the most unassuming player on the team. I found out he has a fabulous sense of humor, and I never knew he said anything funny.

"The other thing I like about him is he's popular with the other coaches, and he's mentally and physically tough. He's no whiner, no excuse-maker."

The same fabric runs through every program in which Stolz has coached. There's the dominant quarterback, the self-confident approach to each game, each recruit, the motivated players giving much more than they've ever given. It's winning material being made into a giant art form.

What is next for Stolz? Will he stay at San Diego State and enjoy the fruits of his labor? Or will he eventually turn to pro football, one of his secret passions?

"I really love coaching," Stolz said. "And right now, as I sit here in this building under construction, I'm probably as happy as I've ever been in my coaching life, right here, right now. To me, I want to 'magic touch' it again here. Last year's team was a dandy, and we got some rings and some watches.

"But I can't wait to coach next year's team. Now the kids understand the offense and the defense that my philosophy subscribes to. Our team has a good time and we have a nice relationship with one another. But there is never any doubt that this is a disciplined program.

"I guess football knowledge, motivation, recruiting skills, communication—those

are the things that keep it going. But more important here, I really love it in San Diego. And I want to do better.

"That's what keeps me going." ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

As **Hawaii** defensive lineman Al Noga ran the Aloha State's beaches and mountains through the spring and summer months, his mind focused of one thing: Football. And that obsession, combined with some impressive physical abilities, makes the defensive tackle a football-playing volcano ready to explode.

"I'm a senior, and it's my last chance to win the Western Athletic Conference title," said Noga, who was voted by the conference coaches as the WAC's best lineman last season. That was no small honor, considering that Outland Trophy winner Jason Buck of Brigham Young played in the same conference.

"I want to be an All-America, get a ring and win the championship," Noga added.

From a team standpoint, winning the WAC, something Hawaii has not been able to do since joining the conference in 1979, may be mission impossible. The Rainbows have a new head coach and only two starters returning from last year's defense.

But All-America status is well within Noga's reach.

The Samoan Sack Man, a 6-foot-2, 250-pound rock, became the first University of Hawaii player ever to earn first-team Associated Press All-America recognition after destroying opponents' offensive walls all last season. He also earned the respect of anybody who watched his devastating act.

As Texas-El Paso Coach Bob Stull said: "You don't get through the WAC until you get Noganized."

Texas-El Paso and New Mexico certainly got Noganized in 1986. But Al had help from a tenacious Rainbow defense that ranked sixth nationally in total defense. Noga personally knocked New Mexico quarterback Reggie Rucker out of the game and helped put Texas-El Paso's Sammy Garza on the sideline. Rucker had to be hospitalized and never returned to action.

"I just had to show them what I was made of," Noga said. "That's my way of proving my point. I was trying to establish something for myself.

"I didn't mean to hurt them, but that's part of the game. I don't mean to put people out. If they get hurt, I feel bad, not during the game, but after it. After all, they're human beings, right."

Noga certainly proved his points to WAC coaches and opponents, but he lacked the national recognition to challenge Buck for the Outland. BYU's sports information office sent out giant-sized dollar bills with Buck's picture. It was an in-

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Air Force's Chad Hennings.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. San Diego State	Quarterback Todd Santos is the nation's best-kept secret. That ends this season as the Aztecs go bowling.
2. Brigham Young	Those who discount the Cougars face a rude awakening. Though no longer among the elite, BYU is tough.
3. Air Force	Fisher DeBerry devises some scheme to overcome the loss of several key players.
4. Texas El-Paso	A first-division finish? That's no mistake. Led by John Harvey, the Miners enjoy a winning campaign.
5. Wyoming	Mike Schenbeck and Galand Thaxton form an excellent linebacking duo to lead the best Cowboy team in years.
6. Utah	Injuries decimated the Utes last year, spoiling high expectations. Lacking in depth, they must rebuild.
7. Hawaii	The Rainbows boast one of the nation's finest defensive tackles in Al Noga but have several holes to fill.
8. Colorado State	Replacing fullback Steve Bartalo is nearly impossible. The Rams need more consistency in order to move up.
9. New Mexico	Mike Sheppard's first priority is restoring order to a program in shambles.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Craig Burnett.....	6-01	190	Junior	Wyoming
Todd Santos.....	6-02	200	Senior	San Diego State

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Gerald Abraham.....	5-10	198	Senior	Wyoming
Albert Booker.....	5-11	180	Junior	Air Force
Tommy Booker.....	6-01	195	Fresh.	San Diego State
John Harvey.....	6-00	188	Junior	Texas-El Paso
Eddie Johnson.....	5-08	175	Senior	Utah
Robert Krause.....	5-10	171	Junior	Air Force
Junior Lopati.....	5-11	195	Junior	Hawaii

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Harold Collins.....	6-03	200	Senior	Texas-El Paso
Alfred Jackson.....	6-01	185	Junior	San Diego State
James Loving.....	5-11	178	Senior	Wyoming
Terance Mathis.....	5-09	162	Junior	New Mexico
David Miles.....	6-02	185	Senior	Brigham Young
Barry Parker.....	5-09	164	Senior	Texas-El Paso
Patrick Rowe.....	6-01	180	Fresh.	San Diego State
Anthony Sargent.....	5-09	165	Senior	Wyoming

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Bill Hoffman.....	6-04	230	Senior	Wyoming
Curt Jones.....	6-04	210	Junior	Utah

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
John Borgia.....	6-03	280	Senior	Brigham Young
Dave DesRochers.....	6-07	285	Senior	San Diego State
Doug Fiala.....	6-07	275	Senior	Colorado State
Sean Kugler.....	6-03	275	Junior	Texas-El Paso
Mark Nua.....	6-07	325	Junior	Hawaii
Brian Rodoni.....	6-05	270	Senior	Brigham Young
Kevin Wells.....	6-05	260	Junior	San Diego State

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
David Futrell.....	6-01	265	Senior	Brigham Young
Chad Hennings.....	6-05	260	Senior	Air Force
Mike Hooper.....	6-03	265	Senior	San Diego State
Jeff Knapton.....	6-04	240	Senior	Wyoming
Tika Manu.....	6-04	258	Senior	Utah
Al Noga.....	6-02	250	Senior	Hawaii
Joe Terry.....	6-02	210	Senior	Texas-El Paso

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Kirk Allen.....	5-11	225	Senior	New Mexico
Rip Burgwald.....	6-01	230	Senior	Air Force
Donny Gassoway.....	6-01	221	Senior	New Mexico
Thor Salanoa.....	6-00	240	Senior	Brigham Young
Mike Schenbeck.....	6-02	230	Junior	Wyoming
Galand Thaxton.....	6-01	222	Senior	Wyoming
J.C. VonColln.....	6-01	235	Senior	Brigham Young

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ron Cortell.....	5-07	160	Junior	Colorado State
Harold Hicks.....	6-00	195	Senior	San Diego State
Mike Jones.....	5-11	206	Senior	Utah
Troy Long.....	6-02	190	Junior	Brigham Young
Mario Mitchell.....	5-10	180	Junior	San Diego State
Brian Norwood.....	6-01	175	Senior	Hawaii
Clarence Nunn.....	5-10	175	Senior	San Diego State
Rodney Thomas.....	5-10	195	Senior	Brigham Young
Richie Wright.....	5-10	183	Soph.	Texas-El Paso

KICKING SPECIALIST

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Leonard Chitty.....	5-10	155	Senior	Brigham Young

RETURN SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Luther Johnson.....	5-10	161	Senior	Texas-El Paso
Marco Johnson.....	5-09	165	Senior	Hawaii

genius promotional campaign.

"In a way, I thought Jason Buck deserved it," Noga said. "Maybe he didn't have the year he had in '85, but he was playing inside and playing the pass and the run. For me, it was a dream come true to be named an All-America. That was something my two brothers and I always wanted to be."

Al Noga has followed in the footsteps of his two older brothers at Hawaii. His oldest brother, Falaniko, now known simply as Niko, plays for the St. Louis Cardinals in the National Football League. His other older brother, Pete, was a senior on last year's team.

Noga would like to follow Niko into pro football. "It's what Noga's work for," he said.

At 6-2, Noga doesn't possess the prototype defensive lineman size, but as he once said: "Since I was in high school, people have been telling me I was too small to play defensive line. I always had something to prove."

And prove he has done. Noga led the Rainbows in nearly every defensive category last year. He had 64 unassisted tackles, 90 in all. He recorded 30 tackles for losses and had 17 quarterback sacks. He caused six fumbles and recovered one. He also broke up two passes. The tackles for losses and quarterback sacks are school records for a season. His career total of 51 tackles for loss also is a school mark.

This will be a transition year at Hawaii. But fortunately for Noga and the other Rainbows, the new Hawaii coach is Bob Wagner, an assistant for 10 years under former head coach Dick Tomey. Wagner was defensive coordinator for the last four seasons under Tomey, who accepted an offer to become head coach at Arizona.

Wagner's offensive coordinator, Paul Johnson, has installed a run-and-shoot offense that should help the Rainbows cover up some weaknesses. One of those is at quarterback, where junior Warren Jones should start. If Jones falters, Walter Briggs and freshman Garrett Gabriel will be waiting.

Slotback Marco Johnson returns, an All-WAC return specialist last season, and Junior Lopati should handle the bulk of the ball-carrying duties. The offensive line returns 6-7, 325-pound Mark Nua and guard Amosa Amosa.

Noga will have to cover up for a lot of defensive mistakes. The only other returning defensive starter is safety Pat McCray, although senior Brian Norwood should be strong on one of the corners.

San Diego State went into its game with Hawaii last year needing a win over the Rainbows and Brigham Young the following week to clinch the WAC championship. That was a pretty tall order. But...

"We ran into all of those seniors, and they all had experience," Noga said. "They were a lot better than us that night."

The result was a 35-5 victory for San Diego State. And the Aztecs followed that with a 10-3 win the next week over BYU. As a result, San Diego State had its first-ever WAC title, its first victory over BYU



Coach LaVell Edwards hopes Bob Jensen will take charge as Brigham Young's new quarterback.

since 1970 and its best record since 1979. It marked the first time in 10 years that BYU had not won or shared the WAC championship.

New Coach Denny Stolz then took his 8-3 Aztecs into the Holiday Bowl, their first major bowl appearance ever, and almost pulled off a major upset over Iowa. It took a Hawkeye field goal as time expired to hand San Diego State a 39-38 loss.

It was quite a season for Stolz, who heads into his second campaign with the knowledge that his team will be targeted by opponents as the team to beat.

"That's because we have our quarterback, Todd Santos, back," Stolz said. "And they're looking at the recruiting year we had. It was just excellent."

Santos, the WAC's top Heisman Trophy candidate, has a career completion percentage of 60.9 percent and has thrown for 7,493 yards. He has a legitimate chance to break Kevin Sweeney's all-time passing yardage mark, and he could break the WAC's all-time total offense and passing records.

Santos is the good news. The fact that only two other offensive starters return is the bad. Holdovers with Santos are center Kevin Wells and left tackle Mike Knutson.

Stolz spent the spring searching for help at running back, wide receiver and tight end, three critical areas in his pro-set offense.

Help at running back could come in the fall when Parade All-America Tommy Booker arrives from nearby Vista High. Booker was rated by many as the No. 1 high school running back in the nation. But recruiting success didn't end there.

The Aztecs also landed wide receiver Patrick Rowe, another Parade All-America.

He could see plenty of action in 1987, teaming with Alfred Jackson, who caught four touchdown passes last year after switching from defensive back, and sophomore Monty Gilbreath. Jackson's 18 catches for 256 yards are the top totals for returning receivers. Junior Kerry Reed-Martin is expected to replace Robert Awalt at tight end.

A key to the Aztecs' 1986 success was the play of some reserve offensive linemen like guards Reggie Blaylock and Damon Baldwin and tackle Dave DesRochers, all of whom stepped in for ailing seniors and acquired some much-needed experience. DesRochers is a giant at 6-7, 285 pounds while Wells centers the line at 6-5 and 260.

The team's defensive improvement was dramatic. Defensive coordinator Tim McConnell took a crew that had finished 103rd in the nation the previous season and transformed it into the WAC's third-best defense behind Hawaii and BYU. But he's looking for six new starters.

"We're talented on defense, but we're very inexperienced, especially at linebacker," he said.

Senior defensive lineman Mike Hooper has moved inside to quick tackle on the Aztecs' four-man front. Senior Brett Faryniarz mans the quick end spot.

Only one linebacker, senior Chuck Nixon, a converted safety, returns from last year's crew. Transfers Kenny Bernard from the University of California and Kevin Conard, from Washington, and Derek Santifer, a junior college transfer, are expected to play big roles.

The secondary should be one of the best in the WAC. Cornerbacks Mario Mitchell and Clarence Nunn return, as do Harold Hicks, a fierce hitter who was moved from free safety to strong safety, and nickel back Lyndon Earley, who has moved to free safety. Casey Copeland, a junior college transfer, adds depth.

San Diego State's kicking game will be strong with the return of punter Wayne Ross, who averaged 40.3 yards last season, and Kevin Rahill, who connected on 12 of 17 field-goal attempts. Junior college transfer Tyler Ackerson has displayed a powerful leg and will be waiting in the wings.

Brigham Young is expected to challenge again, but drug problems and a quarterback shortage, two problems few thought would ever plague the Cougars, have raised some doubt.

The biggest surprise occurred when talented tight end Trevor Molini and linebacker Steve Sanders were expelled from school after their arrest for allegedly forging pain-killer prescriptions.

The other occurred in spring practice when BYU Coach LaVell Edwards had to search long and hard for a quarterback. He believes he found one in junior Bob Jensen, who started the Cougars' final two 1986 games. Should Jensen fail, sophomore redshirt Sean Covey, senior Mike

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Arizona's Chuck Cecil Is

Wildcats' Defensive Back Plays Havoc With Opposing Quarterbacks, Receivers

By DON BORST

It's not unusual for college football coaches to try to hide a prospect from opposing recruiters. But when it came to recruiting Chuck Cecil, Arizona defensive coordinator Moe Ankney just tried to hide him from other coaches on the Wildcats' staff.

"There was really nobody else recruiting him," said Ankney, now the head coach at Bowling Green State. "When we brought him in to visit (in 1983), I did my best to hide him. I knew that his best chance was for as few of our coaches to meet him as possible.

"It was easy to tell Larry (Smith, then the Wildcats' head coach) that I wanted him and that we should sign him. But it was another thing on the visit. Larry looked at me like, 'Is this runt the guy you've been telling me about?'"

Cecil was the runt, all right. All 5 feet, 10 inches and 155 pounds of him.

"Chuck Cecil was the type of athlete you had to be attracted to when you watched him play," Ankney said. "But when you saw him out of his uniform, he was so skinny and ... how can I put this? He just didn't look like an athlete."

Said Cecil: "I'm what the junior high school books call an ectomorph (someone with a slight build). But nobody wanted to give me a chance to grow. I mean, I was barely growing hair under my armpits, and everybody was deciding that I'd never grow enough to play Pac-10 football."

Well, Cecil has grown some—to 6-foot, 185 pounds—and now he's a former runt and the starting strong safety for Arizona. He's also the player who, "pound for pound, makes more of an impact on a football game than any player in America," according to Smith, now Southern California's coach.

Cecil, a fifth-year senior, has more than come into his own. A second-team All-America last year, Cecil is being tabbed as a surefire All-America this season. But calling Cecil an All-America is simply affirming that his football skills have caught up with the rest of him.

"Do you know what life is?" Cecil said. "Life isn't playing football and having 60,000 people going crazy over you for laying somebody out. Life is working at someplace like my mom's dairy farm. You work all day until you get the work done, and sometimes you're so tired that all you want to do is sit on the porch with something cold to drink and watch the sun go down. That's life."

That's Chuck Cecil. And then his eyes will flash and he'll talk about his dream-world of "smacking a guy right in full

stride, right on the numbers."

It's football season, so Cecil is living in his dreamworld.

"I've spent millions of hours just lying in bed thinking about big plays and big hits and causing fumbles and blocking punts and getting interceptions and doing all sorts of things," he said. "I dream about 'em all the time."

Dreaming about what it might be like to, say, intercept a pass and run it back more than 100 yards for a touchdown against archrival and No. 4-ranked Arizona State on national television?

"Oh, no way," he said. "That's just crazy. Never, ever, in my whole life have I made up something like that. It's beyond anything you could dream about. It's ridiculous."

That one, of course, was more than a dream. Last November 22, he stepped in front of a Jeff Van Raaphorst pass deep in the Wildcat end zone and sprinted the length of the field to seal Arizona's 34-17 triumph.

"I think about that one now, and it's kind of hard to believe," he said. "I mean, why did I even run it out of the end zone? Nobody runs the ball out from seven yards deep. It's crazy."

It's Cecil. If that was crazy, his whole career has had a tinge of craziness to it, starting right from his first practice with the Wildcats. He was on the scout team, and he intercepted a pass.

"He picked it off and started trying to run it back," Ankney recalled. "Somebody tackles him, and as he's going down, Chuck laterals the ball. Now understand, nobody laterals in a scrimmage. The whole scrimmage stopped. Guys were going wild."

"That's Cecil when he's playing football. It isn't enough to knock the ball away; he wants an interception. And it isn't enough to make the interception; he wants to run it back for a touchdown."

Predictably, the defensive players loved it, although "I guess the offensive guys hated my guts," Cecil said. "To them, I'm sure it looked like I was a hotdog trying to show them up. But I was just reacting to the situation."

That play made his teammates notice that this skinny kid from La Mesa, Calif., wasn't your everyday walk-on who would serve as fodder for the first team. But it was another two years until Arizona fans discovered Cecil. After being redshirted in 1983 and serving as a backup the next year, Cecil made quite an impression in the first game of his sophomore season.

"That was against Toledo, and early in the game we punted," Cecil recalled. "It was a real good punt, nice and high with good hang. I came down and got the guy



right in stride, right on the numbers, right after he caught the ball. I mean, flush. It put him right smack on his back.

"There was a big hush for a minute, and boy, the crowd just went crazy. I've talked to more people who have told me that was the first time they turned into their program and said, 'Who is this number 6?'"

Few folks in Arizona Stadium these days wonder who number 6 is. In fact, there are few stadiums in the Pacific-10 Conference in which Cecil hasn't made his presence felt in a big way.

"Chuck has made more big plays than I can think of," said Smith, who accepted the USC job in January. "He just comes through."

a Little Bit of Dynamite



Arizona defensive back Chuck Cecil is a little man with a penchant for making the big play.

The bigger the game and the more significant the play, the better Cecil performs. He was named Pac-10 player of the week for his effort against Arizona State, in which he had 16 tackles, caused a fumble and broke up two passes in addition to his monstrous interception return.

"That's the most exhilarating part of athletics, coming through with the game on the line," he said. "It isn't just football, it's anything in sports. It's like wanting to be the guy to take the shot at the end of a basketball game. I really hope they throw the ball into my area in pivotal situations. I just ache for them to try it."

A year earlier against Arizona State, the Wildcats were clinging to a three-point lead in the final moments when Cecil picked off his sixth pass of the year to ice Arizona's victory. Then in the 1985 Sun Bowl, he made 12 tackles and blocked a punt to be selected Most Valuable Player. He won that honor again last year in the Aloha Bowl by recording 10 tackles and causing two fumbles in the Wildcats' 30-21 victory over North Carolina.

How about 18 tackles and an interception against USC last fall? And 11 tackles, two interceptions and a blocked punt against Oregon? And so on and so on.

Cecil was having a great game against UCLA last year, with a blocked punt that was recovered for a touchdown and three pass deflections, when his knack for the big play backfired on him.

"Call that my lowlight," he said. "I don't know what happened. I was set up on the hash mark back in my deep zone, and I saw the pattern develop and I was just hoping the quarterback would throw the ball."

"I was sitting there, laying for it. He threw it, and I said to myself, 'Oh boy, this is sweet.' But I went up for it, and the ball went off my hands and bounced right to the guy (Paco Craig, who tucked it in and ran 50 yards to complete a 78-yard scoring play that boosted UCLA to a comeback victory). That was the worst."

But the low points for Cecil have been few. In his two years as a starting safety he has been in on 216 regular-season tackles, intercepted 12 passes, broken up 26 others and forced five fumbles. He also excels on special teams by terrorizing kick returners and blocking punts (four). Dubbed "Wedgebuster" four years ago, Cecil also has downed punts at the one-yard line twice.

"I'm not sure I've ever been in a situation where one player is looked up to and respected by his teammates as much as Chuck Cecil is here," said new Arizona Coach Dick Tomey, who was coach at Hawaii for 10 years before moving to Tucson. "He's a classic example of someone who has worked his way up from the bottom. And he's a great kid, a good student (a two-time academic All-Pac-10 pick), a real team leader. . . ."

That's no small feat for someone who was virtually ignored when he arrived on campus.

"Man, when I got here, I was lower than low," Cecil said. "Dirtier than dirt. I can't begin to tell you how discouraged I was."

To make a long story short, not only was he turned down for a scholarship by Stanford (because of his size, not his grades), but he also was given the thumbs down at Arizona when all of the Wildcats' allotted scholarships had been doled out.

"I didn't know how to play the (recruiting) game," he said. "Arizona offered me a scholarship on my visit, but by the time I had visited Stanford the following weekend, it was gone."

But he wasn't. He decided to try out for the team anyway.

"The Cecils aren't poor, but they don't have a lot of money for out-of-state tuition and all that," Ankney said. "But Chuck's dad scraped together the money to send him to Arizona."

Call it an investment in Chuck's future. But in his first year at Arizona, that future appeared to have definite limits.

"My first semester here was one of the most trying times of my life," Cecil said.

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"People would look at me, laugh and say, 'You're no football player.' Guys on the team, people at parties, everywhere it seemed, people were going out of their way to make me quit—at least that's the feeling I got."

Ankney was among those detractors.

"The thing about Chuck is that he's cocky," Ankney said. "He's always been cocky. So you could tell him just about anything, and he wasn't going to believe much of what was bad about himself."

"He had a very strong belief in his ability, and there are some kids—and he's a perfect example—that you can get on and it inspires them to do better."

Bingo.

"Coach Ankney would tell me I couldn't do something, and come hell or high water, I'd prove him wrong," Cecil said. "I suppose I get that from my parents. Both my mom and dad were really good athletes, but both of them are kind of ornery."

"But anyway, Ankney was able to see right through me or something because he always knew what buttons to push. He'd always know just what to say to make me mad and work my butt off. It took me a long time to figure out what he was doing."

Like Smith at USC, Ankney will have to view Cecil from the other side of the field this season. His Bowling Green team will visit Tucson on October 3.

"They've got a lot of good players," Ankney said, "but the main thing we're going to have to be concerned with is number 6. He'll be the real problem for our offense—and for every offense they play this year."

Tomey and his defensive staff are looking at the possibility of moving Cecil from strong safety to free safety, which would put him even more in the thick of the action.

"Chuck is a 'collider' if there ever was one," Tomey said. "He makes so many plays, we just want to look at different ways to use him."

That's fine with Cecil, who hurls his body around the field without fear.

"I realize that when I'm 40 years old, I might not be sleeping normal or walking around without a limp," he said. "But I believe you're only on this earth for so long... you get the idea."

"I love the physical aspect of football—when it's time to lay the wood on 'em.... That's the bottom line, delivering the blow. That's what football is all about. It's legalized violence."

Cecil doesn't try to deny that he is saddled with a "little man's complex" on the football field. That image has been fostered for years, beginning in high school.

"I belong out there," he said. "I can play this game. And I guess I try to prove it by trying to knock people around the field."

Surprisingly, he has escaped serious injury. Not surprisingly, he has played in some level of pain throughout his career, with shoulder, rib, ankle and knee injuries.

"That's part of football," he said. "I'm sure a lot of guys are in pain a lot of the time."



Randall McDaniel returns as one of the big men on Arizona State's impressive offensive line.

"He plays like a kamikaze, but Chuck doesn't show up in here very often," Arizona trainer Sue Hillman said. "He's just a tough kid. He has a phenomenal tolerance of pain. But he knows his body very well. When he's just aching, he won't come in; but when he's hurt and we can help, he doesn't try to kid himself."

Cecil played an entire season with damaged knee cartilage, putting off the arthroscopic surgery until after the season. It wasn't a severe injury, but "I'm sure there was a lot of pain involved playing on it," Hillman said.

Cecil endured a fair amount of pain (al-

beit self-inflicted) in his first year at Arizona. Struggling to gain respect, the walk-on would lash out at people off the field. It didn't work.

"I was pretty much a nightmare," he said. "If anybody would bad-mouth the football team or say something to me, I'd just tell 'em to shut up or put up."

"When it was somebody bigger than me—and there were a lot of people bigger than me—they'd go ahead and put up."

And Cecil usually got the worst of it.

"I've never heard of somebody picking so many fights that they were going to lose," Ankney said. "It was almost funny

at first, but after awhile it became a real problem. The kid had a chip on his shoulder, and he was so intent on proving himself, he'd take his aggressions out by fighting."

Finally, Smith gave Cecil the word: "He said no more trouble or I was gone. I've never had a more sobering talk with somebody in my life. I was on the verge of blowing everything."

"Hey, I'm a nice guy. A little ornery maybe, but a nice guy. I don't know what had gotten into me. But I had to straighten up, and I did."

After all, only a few weeks earlier, at the beginning of the 1984 spring term, Smith had awarded Cecil a scholarship, which is another story in itself.

After his redshirt season, Cecil returned to school for the spring semester "and they said sorry, but they didn't have a scholarship for me after all," he recalled. "I figured, 'That's it, I'm gone.' I was leaving. I couldn't, and wouldn't, ask my dad to keep paying for college in Arizona when I couldn't even get a scholarship."

As the story goes, Cecil had his bags packed and he was saying goodbye to the head resident in his dorm, Armando Ronquillo, who said: "Hold on. Does Coach Smith know you're leaving? Wait here."

Ronquillo went to Smith's office and returned to tell Cecil the coach wanted to see him. At that meeting, Smith put Cecil on scholarship.

Finally, Cecil was on his way. But little did anyone know that the scrawny walk-

on would become one of the best defensive backs in the country.

"Life has been pretty darn good ... pretty darn good," he said, smiling. "I'm not saying I don't complain about practice with the guys and whine here and there, but sometimes I just have to stop and be thankful I have practice to complain about."

After this season he'll try to turn his career, with all of its unlikely beginnings, into a shot at pro football.

"I know what's going to happen," he said, shaking his head. "He's too small, not strong enough, too slow, he can't play...." And it's already starting to tick me off thinking about it."

Ankney acknowledged that Cecil probably would be a late-round National Football League draft pick.

"But once they get him out there and see him play, they'll know he's a player," he said, "because no matter what you think you don't see in him, Chuck Cecil is a player." ■

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

If Billy Martin were a football coach, his teams would play very much like those of John Cooper. Or is it, if John Cooper were a baseball manager, his teams would play Billy Ball.

To both Cooper and Martin, the little things matter most. California Angels Manager Gene Mauch calls it Little Ball.

"In sports, I really believe that the things that make the difference between winning and losing consistently are the little things that usually go unnoticed," said Cooper, who is entering his third year as **Arizona State** coach. "We emphasize those things every day in practice. The more mistakes you eliminate, the better chance you have to win."

"In baseball, it's things like throwing the ball to the cutoff man, hitting behind the runner, taking the extra base when you can and not walking guys. I don't think there are any secrets. It comes down to execution."

Cooper has a way of getting his Sun Devils to execute to a high degree of efficiency—high enough to produce more than their share of victories. Arizona State went 10-1-1 in 1986, including a Rose Bowl triumph over Michigan. Cooper got those results with very few players who can be described as stars, much less superstars.

"I'm not sure we do anything different than anybody else," Cooper said. "We don't run a high-risk offense, and we try to get our players to run to the ball on defense. The players executed it, and we got a little lucky along the way."

The Sun Devils whipped each of the primary contenders in the Pacific-10 Conference (UCLA, Southern California and

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Who'll Fill Paye's and Miller's Shoes?



At Stanford they don't have quarterbacks; they have quarterback eras. So when Cardinal Coach Jack Elway says "this will be a new era for us," he means there has been a changing of the guard.

The John Paye Era is over. Despite three injury-dogged seasons, Paye left his mark high in the star-studded Stanford record book, finishing runner-up in many passing categories to a guy named John Elway, the coach's son.

While Paye became a household name to most college football fans, Chris Miller, toiling in the obscurity of the Northwest woods, was quietly stealing his way past such Oregon legends as Norm Van Brocklin, George Shaw and Dan Fouts. When it was over, Miller not only held virtually every Oregon passing mark, but also was generally considered the No. 2 quarterback in the 1987 NFL draft.

Understandably, Elway at Stanford and Rich Brooks at Oregon are quickly getting used to the term "starting over."

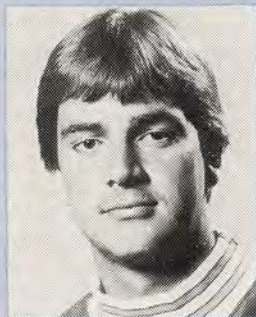
The picture appears to be clearest at Stanford, where it may be the beginning of the Greg Ennis Era. "Because of his experience, he'll be the guy to beat out," Elway said of the 6-foot-2, 205-

pound junior.

Paye was bothered with a sore shoulder his senior season, giving Ennis a brief opportunity to play as a sopho-



Greg Ennis



Pete Nelson

more. Ennis got his first major test in the Cardinal's regular-season finale against Arizona in Tokyo, passing for one touchdown off a fake field goal and scoring from a yard out in Stanford's 29-24 victory.

The Cardinal then played Clemson in the Gator Bowl and Ennis got the call to start. Although Stanford lost, Ennis threw two touchdown passes.

"He's a big, strong athlete," Cardinal wide receiver Jeff James said, "but he doesn't have the precision arm that

John had."

Pushing Ennis will be junior Mike Kerkorian, whose dad, Gary, had his own era at Stanford; redshirt freshmen Scott Stark and Brian Johnson and incoming Parade All-America Jason Palumbis. "Stark leads in mechanics," Elway said, "but he's got a lot to learn."

Meanwhile, the quarterback job at Oregon is wide open.

"We're really young," offensive coordinator Bob Toledo said. "I tell the trainer to bring lots of baby powder for when we change the diapers."

Pete Nelson, a 6-1, 183-pound sophomore, has the only game experience, getting his baptism last season at Nebraska and impressing Brooks "by completing some 20-yard passes with guys in his face."

In the wings are a pair of redshirt freshmen, Tony Hargain and Bill Musgrave. Hargain was recruited as a wide receiver and also plays on the Ducks' basketball team.

Hargain "runs like Chris and the others pass like Chris," Toledo said, "but no one gives us the combination of Chris."

—NICK BERTRAM

Washington), losing only to Arizona and tying Washington State, to win their first league championship. After dispensing with the Wolverines in the Rose Bowl, Arizona State finished as the No. 4 team in the land.

"We turned the ball over 15 times in 12 games," Cooper said. (The average for the other nine Pac-10 teams was 27.4.) "And we were by far the least penalized team in the conference (30.5 yards per game; other teams' average: 56). That's why we won.

"And you know, I watched that Fiesta Bowl, and I know the Sun Devils could have played with either one of those teams (Penn State and Miami). There wasn't a team in the country playing better than we were at the end of the season."

For the Sun Devils to succeed again this season, Cooper said his team will have to be equally efficient. And that mission begins at quarterback, where Jeff Van Raaphorst, the most efficient passer in the league last season, is gone.

"We've got (junior) Danny Ford, who was our backup last year, and a couple of (redshirt) freshmen, Paul Justin and Kent Kiefer," said Cooper, 50, who has built a 75-36-1 record in eight years at Tulsa (57-31) and two at Arizona State (18-5-1). Another candidate is redshirt junior John Walker, who has seen the most varsity action among these candidates but was unable to throw last spring while rehabilitating his elbow after surgery.

Only 11 starters return from the team that made the only Rose Bowl appearance in the school's history, but the Sun Devils have so much talent and depth that they should make a strong bid to defend their Pac-10 crown.

Most notable among the returnees are seniors Randall McDaniel and Todd Kalis, perhaps the best pair of guards in the country. McDaniel, who lines up at fullback in short-yardage situations and routinely destroys inside linebackers, won all-conference honors last year, and Kalis is an honors candidate this fall. Though the other three starters are gone, including consensus All-America tackle Danny Villa, talented replacements are on hand in center Steve Spurling and tackles Fedel Underwood and Scott Kirby.

This line will open plenty of holes for tailback Darryl Harris and fullback Channing Williams, who combined for 1,473 workmanlike yards while being certified as fumble-proof.

"They aren't game-breakers, but they sure got the job done," Cooper said.

All-Pac-10 split end Aaron Cox is the league's primary deep threat after averaging 20.4 yards on 29 receptions as a junior. But the loss of Jeff Gallimore and Stein Koss leaves the Sun Devils thin at tight end. "We'll play with a tight end who has never played in a varsity game before," Cooper said.

The Sun Devils' new placekicker could be a novice, too, but he comes with good credentials. Alan Zendejas, whose brothers and cousins have made his surname famous among kicking enthusiasts, is



Cornerback Darryl Henley is an important member of UCLA's experienced defensive secondary.

ready after sitting out last season as a Proposition 48 casualty.

According to Cooper, defensive tackle Shawn Patterson "is probably the best player we've got" and leads a defense noted for its speed. Patterson could get help up front from a pair of transfers, noseguard Richard Davis (Oklahoma) and defensive end Mark Duckens (Wichita State), who will try to replace all-conference pick Skip McClendon.

Cooper has an outstanding pair of inside linebackers in seniors Greg Clark and Stacy Harvey. Also back is three-fourths of an outstanding secondary that features cornerbacks Anthony Parker and Eric Allen.

The biggest defensive hole is the one that All-Pac-10 outside linebacker Scott Stephen used to fill.

"We can't replace him," Cooper said. "We've got Rodney Dillard over there, and he's a good athlete. We've moved Pat Taylor and Rick Zumwalt over to the other side, and they'll do well there.

We've still got some guys who run to the ball well. We'll be all right."

That they will, even though some—including Cooper—might not consider the Sun Devils the Pac-10 favorite entering this season.

"Only the village idiot would pick somebody other than UCLA," Cooper said. "The conference is going to be tough again, but UCLA has to be the pick."

For starters, UCLA has second-team All-America tailback Gaston Green, perhaps the top candidate for the 1987 Heisman Trophy. Going in his favor are a big junior year (1,139 yards rushing, 14 touchdowns), a knack for big plays that make national highlight films, almost-weekly appearances on television and a supporting cast of Bruins who together will be nationally ranked. He finished strong with a pair of 200-yard-plus performances in routs of Southern California and Brigham Young in the Freedom Bowl.

"Gaston is one of the great running backs in UCLA history," said Bruins Coach Terry Donahue, who is not given to superlatives. Just to be on the safe side, Donahue held Green out of full-contact scrimmages last spring to lessen the likelihood of injury "and to give some of our younger players more work."

Donahue has more than just one star tailback. Ten other players are listed as returning starters, and six more started at least three games in 1986. On top of that, UCLA has two transfers who could be big parts of the Bruins' 1987 season: tackle David Richards (Southern Methodist) and quarterback Troy Aikman (Oklahoma).

Aikman, a redshirt junior, is battling with last year's backup, Brendan McCracken, for the starting quarterback job. But by the end of spring drills, Aikman had shown why Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer said last year, "We'll be seeing Troy in the NFL someday."

Richards figures to be one of the nation's best tackles this year, giving Donahue some flexibility with a line that returns only one regular, tackle John Kidder. But tackle Russ Warnick and guard Frank Cornish have some starting experience, and there are high hopes for redshirt freshman Lance Zeno at center.

Green is just part of a strong backfield. His 1986 backup, James Primus, has been moved to fullback, where he and Mel Farr are an above-average duo. Eric Ball, of 1986 Rose Bowl fame, is the No. 2 tailback and is completely recovered from a hamstring injury.

Split end Willie (Flipper) Anderson and flanker Paco Craig give the Bruins a pair of big-play receivers.

The UCLA defense returns seven starters plus cornerback Dennis Price, a two-year starter who was slowed last season by a knee injury. The secondary lacks depth, but Price, safety James Washington and cornerback Darryl Henley are a good trio with which to start. Senior Alan Dial probably will replace All-Pac-10 safety Craig Rutledge.

Senior noseguard Terry Tumey will try

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Southern Cal's Rodney Peete.

TSN's PREDICTIONS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Arizona State	The Sun Devils are loaded. An adequate replacement at quarterback assures a return trip to Pasadena.
2. UCLA	The Bruins also find themselves on the doorstep of dominance. Gaston Green is the nation's best tailback.
3. Washington	The Huskies ride the arm of quarterback Chris Chandler. Contests with the above could be classics.
4. Southern California	Remember the names Colter, Carrier, Ryan and Owens. Foes hope these young defenders fail to live up to billing.
5. Stanford	Led by the nation's best fullback, Brad Muster, the Cardinal could go bowling for the second consecutive year.
6. Arizona	The Wildcats need to fill a few holes, but the cupboard isn't bare. The schedule, however, is demanding.
7. Oregon	Rich Brooks' team always provides a battle. Replacing quarterback Chris Miller is the first priority.
8. Washington State	This team remains a mystery as most attributed the Cougars' success to former coach Jim Walden.
9. Oregon State	The Beavers have the guns to make some noise, but a tough schedule slows their progress.
10. California	The loss of running back Marc Hicks was devastating. The Bears are in for a long season.

ALL-CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Chris Chandler	6-03	204	Senior	Washington
Rodney Peete	6-02	190	Junior	Southern Cal
Troy Taylor	6-03	180	Soph.	California
Erik Wilhelm	6-03	211	Junior	Oregon State

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Mel Farr	6-00	218	Senior	UCLA
Gaston Green	5-10	190	Senior	UCLA
Darryl Harris	5-11	181	Senior	Arizona State
Brad Muster	6-03	226	Senior	Stanford
Channing Williams..	5-10	216	Senior	Arizona State

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Aaron Cox	5-10	175	Senior	Arizona State
Mike Ford	6-02	205	Soph.	California
Darryl Franklin	5-10	181	Senior	Washington
Ken Henry	6-03	195	Senior	Southern Cal
Jeff James	6-00	186	Senior	Stanford

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Chris Leighton	6-04	224	Senior	Washington State
Eric Snelson	6-03	235	Senior	Stanford

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Bern Brostek	6-02	272	Soph.	Washington
Todd Kalis	6-06	267	Senior	Arizona State
Randall McDaniel ..	6-05	261	Senior	Arizona State
Dave Orndorff	6-01	260	Senior	Oregon State
David Richards	6-05	305	Senior	UCLA
Andy Sinclair	6-03	275	Junior	Stanford
Joe Tofflemire	6-03	255	Junior	Arizona
Mike Utley	6-07	286	Junior	Washington State
Mike Zandofsky	6-02	296	Junior	Washington

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Lester Archambeau ..	6-05	245	Soph.	Stanford
Rich Haggerty	6-02	265	Senior	Oregon State
Dan Owens	6-04	235	Soph.	Southern Cal
Shawn Patterson	6-05	257	Senior	Arizona State
Rollin Putzier	6-04	279	Senior	Oregon
Tim Ryan	6-05	250	Soph.	Southern Cal
Natu Tuatagaloa	6-04	255	Junior	California
Terry Tumey	6-01	230	Senior	UCLA
Majett Whiteside	6-02	260	Junior	California

LINEBACKERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Greg Clark	6-01	225	Senior	Arizona State
Kurt Colehower	6-02	230	Senior	Stanford
Marcus Cotton	6-04	220	Senior	Southern Cal
Brian Forde	6-02	224	Senior	Washington St.
Boomer Gibson	6-04	227	Senior	Arizona
Ken Harvey	6-03	225	Senior	California
Stacy Harvey	6-04	230	Senior	Arizona State
Rex Moore	6-01	225	Senior	Southern Cal
Ken Norton	6-02	220	Senior	UCLA
David Rill	6-01	220	Senior	Washington
Eric Smith	6-03	225	Senior	UCLA

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Eric Allen	5-11	188	Senior	Arizona State
Chuck Cecil	6-00	185	Senior	Arizona
Cleveland Colter	6-02	190	Soph.	Southern Cal
Teddy Johnson	5-10	180	Junior	Oregon State
Anthony Newman	6-00	206	Senior	Oregon
L. Northington	6-01	190	Senior	Oregon State
Anthony Parker	5-11	181	Senior	Arizona State
Dennis Price	6-01	173	Senior	UCLA
James Washington ..	6-01	195	Senior	UCLA

KICKING SPECIALIST

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Gary Coston	6-00	173	Soph.	Arizona

to become a rare three-time all-conference selection, and he might not be the Bruins' best defensive lineman. Junior Jim Wahler couldn't unseat Tumey at noseguard, so last year he was moved to tackle, where he has thrived.

The Bruins also are strong at linebacker, where Ken Norton patrols the inside and Eric Smith the outside as well as anybody. Outside linebacker Carnell Lake is a budding star.

With so much physical talent available, Donahue's only big concern now is the mental aspect of the game.

"We need to be more competitive in certain situations," Donahue said. "Last year I felt we weren't quite as competitive in some situations as I would have liked. It's a mental frame of mind, and we're going to work on that. We're going to compete every day."

There won't be any competition for the starting quarterback job at **Washington** because Huskies Coach Don James has never felt more comfortable about the position than he does this year—and in a dozen years in Seattle, he has seen four of his quarterbacks taken in the National Football League draft.

Chris Chandler enjoyed a tremendous junior season: 1,994 yards passing with a school-record 20 touchdown tosses. Significantly, only 13 of Chandler's 275 passes were intercepted.

"I think this is the best we've been at quarterback going into a season," James said, "and it helps me sleep better at night. It's really reassuring to have a guy in there we have so much confidence in. I just hope we can provide the support he needs to go out and do it."

Chandler will be working behind the most experienced line and with the healthiest running back situation the Huskies have had in several years. All-conference wide receiver Lonzell Hill is gone, but split end Darryl Franklin is no slouch and flanker Brian Slater made some big catches at the end of the season, so Chandler won't be wanting for targets.

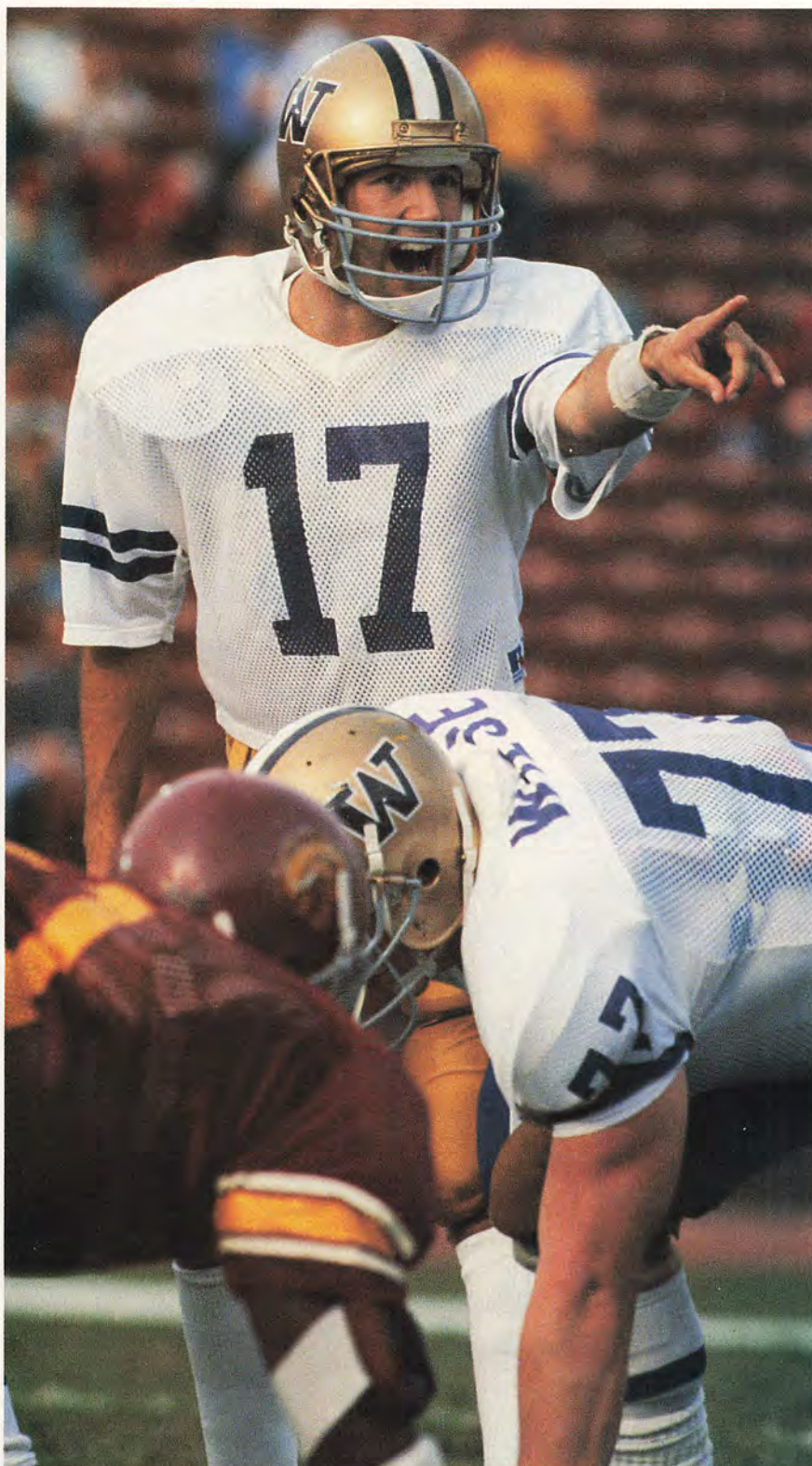
Four starters return on the offensive line. All-Pac-10 guard/tackle Mike Zandofsky, a junior, and sophomore center Bern Brostek are among the best in the country at their jobs.

"It's the first time in three years or so that we haven't had to just about rebuild the offensive line," James said. "The offensive line probably dictates how much you can do offensively, and we're not holding back much."

Tailback Vince Weathersby quietly gained 880 yards and led the league with a 5.5-yard average as a sophomore last year, and speedsters Steve Jones and Andre Riley will be counted on to bring their big-play potential to fruition.

"The position is better than it's been in a few years," James said. "We're building the depth back up. In '85, those guys all had to go out and fumble a couple of times."

Fullback Rick Fenney is gone, but he missed so much action the last two years with injuries that junior Tony Covington has rolled up 608 yards in that time.



Quarterback Chris Chandler will direct an experienced and dangerous Washington offensive attack.

Replacing all-conference tight end Rod Jones won't be so easy. Junior Scott Jones is expected to step in, although his experience is almost nil.

The Huskies lost six starters from the league's best defense, two of whom James said are virtually irreplaceable: consensus All-America tackle Reggie Rogers and All-America safety Tim Peoples. In addition, standout cornerback Tony Zackery

was lost for the season when he injured his knee last spring.

The linebacking is the strongest part of the defense with seniors David Rill, Tom Erlandson and Bo Yates all returning. Senior middle guard Brian Habib anchors a young line.

Then there's the hole left by consensus All-America pick Jeff Jaeger, the NCAA's all-time most prolific placekicker (80 field

goals). But remember that Jaeger was a mere walk-on in 1983 when he replaced Chuck Nelson, who was then the NCAA's all-time most prolific placekicker.

In his first year at **Southern Cal**, Coach Larry Smith is returning the Trojans to their roots. He's putting the power back into the Power-I.

"I suppose you can call it what you want," said Smith, who left Arizona to replace Ted Tollner in January. "I think of it as physically aggressive football. That's the kind of football I like, and I think the players like it, too."

Smith makes no secret of the fact that he'll try to run the ball down opponents' throats and return the tailback to the throne at Heritage Hall. He's hoping for a throwback to the era of the 150-yards-per-game tailback, and it looks like the tailback the Trojans will be counting on this year is little-known Steve Webster.

Webster, a sprinter who missed all but one of the last 21 games because of lingering ankle injuries, beat out veterans Ryan Knight and Aaron Emanuel during the spring, when he convinced Smith that he could handle the load. A junior, Webster has rushed for only 92 yards in his USC career. A handful of highly touted freshmen were expected to compete for playing time, too.

Smith insisted that the offense will not be one-dimensional. The Trojans still have junior quarterback Rodney Peete, who challenged the school's passing records last year. Peete threw for 2,025 yards (but only 10 TDs) in 1986.

Led by seniors Ken Henry and Randy Tanner, who combined for 81 receptions last year, the receiving corps is the Trojans' best in a decade.

Senior tackle Dave Cadigan stands out on an otherwise youthful offensive line. The biggest loss up front was that of consensus All-America guard Jeff Bregel.

Leading the defense is second-team All-America Marcus Cotton, who last year graduated from a big-play artist to perhaps the nation's best outside linebacker. Cotton, whose 133 tackles last season included 15 behind the line of scrimmage, teams with Rex Moore (184 tackles), Keith Davis (140) and Bill Stokes to constitute perhaps the top linebacking foursome in the conference.

Nose tackle Don Gibson will become the third freshman defensive lineman to gain a starting spot in the last two seasons. While Gibson redshirted last year, defensive guards Tim Ryan (a true freshman in 1986) and Dan Owens (who had redshirted the year before) were learning under fire as starters. Now, those two are a year older and wiser, and Owens gets his chance with them.

Only one starter (cornerback Greg Coquette) returns in the secondary, which lost consensus All-America safety Tim McDonald. Though the safeties will be young, that area is solid. Sophomore Cleveland Colter and redshirt freshman Mark Carrier should give the Trojans a strong pair of safeties for the next few years.

The Trojans' initial assignment will be



Andy Sinclair is the center of attention on Stanford's experienced offensive line.

to stop Michigan State's Lorenzo White on Labor Day, and there will be plenty of similar challenges throughout the season. They face five teams that are touting Heisman candidates, including **Stanford**, where Brad Muster has proven that all that glitters does not play quarterback.

Muster, a consensus All-America fullback last year, is a versatile player who can run and catch with equal proficiency. As a junior he pulled the rare trick of rushing for more than 1,000 yards (1,053) and catching more than 50 passes (61). Muster obviously shouldered a good deal of the Cardinal's offensive load.

"I think it's pretty safe to say that he'll be handling the ball between 25 and 30 times a game, just as he has for the past two years," said Coach Jack Elway, who directed the Cardinal to its first bowl game (Gator) in eight years. "I'd be crazy if I did anything different."

Greg Ennis, who has been inconsistent in his limited experience, apparently will step from backup to starting quarterback.

He isn't John Elway or John Paye, but he did show promise when he started for the oft-injured Paye in the Gator Bowl loss to Clemson.

Senior wide receiver Jeff James (52 receptions a year ago) and tight end Eric Snelson combine with Muster to give Ennis three quality receivers, and the offensive line, led by standout center Andy Sinclair, has three returning starters.

The defense will have to manage without All-America linebacker Dave Wyman and all-conference tackle Tony Leiker, but a combination of experience and speed could make Stanford's defense a formidable unit again.

Sophomores Lester Archambeau (tackle) and Alan Grant (cornerback) rank with the best young talent in the league. Linebacker Kurt Colehower and safety Brad Humphreys will start for the third year.

Though most Pac-10 teams favor conventional offensive philosophies that rely largely on a strong running game, that hasn't deterred **Arizona's** new coach, Dick Tomey, from hiring Ben Griffith to establish a run-and-shoot attack.

"When UCLA and Washington and Arizona State and more than half the teams in the Pac-10 play each other, it's like an intrasquad game," Tomey said. "The defense faces an offense that it's practiced against just about every day. Offering a little variety is part of my thinking."

Tomey, who coached at Hawaii the last 10 years, wants Griffith to install the wide-open offense the offensive coordinator had run at New Mexico. Though the change will be gradual, Griffith said his attack offers a stronger running game than a pure run-and-shoot offense because it blends in the wishbone.

"They have the same option concepts and use similar talent," he said.

Bobby Watters, who has one season remaining after transferring from the ruins at SMU, is expected to be the quarterback, although sophomore Craig Bergman enjoyed a productive spring.

Though All-Pac-10 running back David Adams is gone, the Wildcats are loaded in the backfield with sophomore David Eldridge, who was redshirted with a broken collarbone last year, sophomore Art Greathouse, seniors Charles Webb and Joe Prior and many others. Senior Jeff Fairholm and junior Derek Hill, who combined for 56 catches last season, make wide receiver a Wildcat strength, too.

All-conference pick Joe Tofflemire is "as good a center as I've ever seen on the practice field," Tomey said, but there are other holes on the front line that need to be filled. Senior guard Kevin McKinney, a two-year starter at SMU, figures to make a difference.

On defense, second-team All-America safety Chuck Cecil leads an experienced secondary, and tackle George Hinkle and noseguard Dana Wells are solid up front. But senior Boomer Gibson is the only returning starter at linebacker, where departed Byron Evans was named all-con-

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ARIZONA

Coach: Dick Tomey (first year at Arizona; 63-46-3, 10 years).

1986 Record: 8-3; Pac-10: 5-3/T4th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: David Adams, RB; Byron Evans, LB; Alfred Jenkins, QB; Dan Lockett, LB; Stan Mataele, DT; Brent Wood, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Jeff Fairholm, FL, 6-0/187, Sr.; Vince Lotti, TE, 6-2/225, Sr.; Tom Lynch, G/T, 6-5/254, Sr.; Jeff Rinehart, T, 6-2/300, Sr.; Joe Tofflemire, C, 6-3/255, Jr.; Charles Webb, FB, 6-0/221, Sr. **Defense (6):** Chuck Cecil, S, 6-0/185, Sr.; James DeBow, CB, 5-9/187, Jr.; Boomer Gibson, LB, 6-4/227, Sr.; Eugene Hardy, S, 5-11/185, Sr.; George Hinkle, T, 6-6/276, Sr.; Dana Wells, NG, 6-1/259, Jr.

Key Returnees: Craig Bergman, QB, Soph.; Gary Coston, K, Soph.; Blake Custer, LB, Sr.; David Eldridge, RB, Soph. (RS/collarbone); Art Greathouse, RB, Soph.; Jim Hanawalt, TE, Soph.; Derek Hill, FL, Jr.; Kip Lewis, SE, Jr.; Doug Penner, C/G, Jr.; Joe Prior, FB, Sr.; Chris Singleton, LB, Soph.; Kevin Singleton, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Todd Burden, DB (RS); Brad Henke, DT (JV); Darryl Lewis, RB (RS); Kevin McKinney, OG (transfer/SMU); Ronald Veal, QB; Alonzo Washington, RB (JC); Bobby Watters, QB (transfer/SMU).



Arizona State's Anthony Parker.

ARIZONA STATE

Coach: John Cooper (18-5-1, 2 years; 75-36-1 overall, 10 years).

1986 Record: 9-1-1; Pac-10: 5-1-1/1st.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Skip McClendon, DE; Scott Stephen, LB; Jeff Van Raaphorst, QB; Danny Villa, OT.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Aaron Cox, SE, 5-10/175, Sr.; Darryl Harris, TB, 5-11/181, Sr.; Todd Kallis, G, 6-6/267, Sr.; Randall McDaniel, G, 6-5/261, Sr.; Channing Williams, FB, 5-10/216, Sr. **Defense (6):** Eric Allen, CB, 5-11/188, Sr.; Robby Boyd, S, 6-2/194, Jr.; Greg Clark, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Stacy Harvey, LB, 6-4/230, Sr.; Anthony Parker, CB, 5-11/181, Sr.; Shawn Patterson, T, 6-5/257, Sr.

Key Returnees: Trace Armstrong, DE, Sr.; Dan Ford, QB, Jr.; Chris Garrett, FL, Jr.; Tony Johnson, FL, Jr.; Bernard Jones, S, Soph.; Jeff Joseph, CB, Sr.; Scott Kirby, OT, Jr.; Saute Sapolu, NG, Jr.; Mike Schuh, P, Jr.; Steve Spurling, C, Jr.; Fedel Underwood, OT, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Tony Brown, FB (transfer/SMU); Victor Calhoun, RB (RS); Richard Davis, NG (transfer/Oklahoma); Mark Duckens, DE (transfer/Wichita State); Ron Fair, WR (JC); Lynn James, QB (transfer/SMU); Jeff Johnson, TE (RS); Paul Justin, QB (RS); Michael Simmons, OT (RS); Alan Zendejas, K.

CALIFORNIA

Coach: Bruce Snyder (first year at California; 39-37-1, 7 years).

1986 Record: 2-9; Pac-10: 2-7/9th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Losses: Marc Hicks, RB (transfer/Ohio State); Hardy Nickerson, LB; Doug Riesenberger, OT.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Steve Andersen, G, 6-6/250, Sr.; James Devers, WR, 6-2/175, Jr. (injured knee in spring/doubtful for season); Kam King, G, 6-3/255, Sr.; Todd Powers, FB, 6-2/230, Jr.; Troy Taylor, QB, 6-3/180, Soph.; Dave Zawatson, T, 6-5/270, Jr. **Defense (7):** Ken Harvey, LB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Joe Nelms, T, 6-5/255, Sr.; David Ortega, LB, 6-2/225, Soph.; Darryl Stallworth, S, 6-0/190, Sr.; Derek Taylor, S, 5-11/195, Jr.; Nattu Tuatagaloa, T, 6-4/255, Jr.; Majett Whiteside, NG, 6-2/260, Jr.

Key Returnees: Brian Bedford, FL, Sr.; Joel Dickson, LB, Soph. (switched from DT); Mike Ford, WR, Soph.; James Hardy, CB, Soph.; Steve Hendrickson, LB, Jr.; Brad Jackman, C, Sr.; John Johnson, LB, Jr. (RS); Mel McClanahan, LB, Sr.; Tyrone Moore, RB, Sr. (RS/medical); Travis Oliver, CB, Soph.; Chris Richards, RB, Jr.; Scott Tabor, P, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Jeff Ebert, S (JC); Anthony Grandison, LB (RS); Tim Hardin, LB (JC); Steve Loop, K (JC); Dwayne Odom, LB (RS).

OREGON

Coach: Rich Brooks (40-66-4, 10 years).

1986 Record: 5-6; Pac-10: 3-5/7th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Bobby DeBlisschop, TE; Dan Devaney, LB; Ed Hulbert, S; Dave Maley, DT; Chris Miller, QB; Mike Preacher, P; Brad Smith, OG.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Jan Cespedes, SE, 6-1/192, Sr.; Rod Green, FL, 5-8/163, Sr.; Chris Husko, G, 6-3/245, Soph.; Derek Loville, TB, 5-10/196, Soph.; Jeff Stefanick, T, 6-5/289, Sr. **Defense (5):** Mike Blakey, LB, 6-2/214, Jr.; Matt Brock, E, 6-5/250, Jr.; Mark Kearns, LB, 6-2/216, Soph.; Anthony Newman, S, 6-0/206, Sr.; Rollin Putzier, NT, 6-4/279, Sr.

Key Returnees: Leroy Ale, LB, Soph.; Latin Berry, FB, Soph. (switched from TB); J.J. Birden, FL, Sr.; Tim Cooper, S, Sr.; Elliott Dunning, CB, Jr. (RS/academics); Jon Eichinger, DE, Soph.; Devin FitzPatrick, DE, Jr.; Derek Horton, S, Jr.; Pete Nelson, QB, Soph.; Terry Obee, FL, Soph.; Gary Robertson, OT, Jr.; Kolya Tefft, TE, Soph. (RS/back); Randy Willhite, FB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Ron Gould, CB (transfer/Wichita State); Thom Kaumeyer, S (JC); Bill Musgrave, QB (RS); Daryl Reed, CB (JC); Johnny Taylor, RB (RS/switched from CB); Scott Whitney, LB (JC).

OREGON STATE

Coach: Dave Kragthorpe (6-16, 2 years; 30-37 overall, 6 years).

1986 Record: 3-8; Pac-10: 1-7/10th.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Darrick Brilz, OT; Paul Carberry, DT; Dave Giacomelli, OT; Gino Mingo, DE; Dave Montagne, FL.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Paul Hopkins, G, 6-4/255, Sr.; Damon Medlock, TE, 6-5/238, Sr.; Dave Orndorff, C, 6-1/260, Sr.; Jeff Talamantes, G, 6-2/262, Sr.; Erik Wilhelm, QB, 6-3/211, Jr.; Dowell Williams, FB, 6-1/215, Soph. **Defense (8):** Phil Alfieri, E, 6-3/247, Sr.; Rich Haggerty, T, 6-2/265, Sr.; Teddy Johnson, CB, 5-10/180, Jr.; Mike Matthews, LB, 6-2/247, Jr.; Bronco Mendenhall, S, 6-1/192, Sr.; Don Odegard, S, 6-0/187, Jr.; Jeff Schneider, LB, 6-0/229, Sr.; Kevin Scott, CB, 5-10/187, Sr.

Key Returnees: Mike Bailey, OG, Soph. (RS); Pat Chaffey, FB, Soph.; Jim Cureton, LB, Jr. (RS/knee); Ray Giacomelli, LB, Jr.; Roland Hawkins, WR, Sr.; Trey Nicholson, TB, Jr. (RS/hand); Lavance Northington, CB, Sr. (RS/knee); Terry Page, LB, Sr.; Mike Peters, LB, Sr.; Phil Ross, TE, Soph. (RS/broken toe); Robb Thomas, WR, Jr.; Larry Vlastic, S, Soph.

Top Newcomers: George Breland, WR (RS/knee); Tom Denevan, TE (RS); Mark Fernandez, OT (JC); Tom Vettrus, DE (JC).

ference the last two years.

The Wildcats have the league's best returning kicker in Gary Coston, who converted 21 of 24 field-goal attempts as a freshman last year.

At **Oregon**, Coach Rich Brooks has just 10 returning starters to face a schedule that might be tougher than the death march of 1986. The Ducks won their last three games to muster a 5-6 mark after absorbing six consecutive clubbings by Top 20 teams. This year they open with seven bowl teams in a row.

Sophomore Pete Nelson has the massive task of replacing all-conference quarterback Chris Miller. Watch for the Ducks to rely more heavily on a ground attack. Sophomores Derek Loville (544 yards rushing as a true freshman) and Latin Berry have shown themselves to be two of the league's most promising runners.

Tackle Jeff Stefanick and guard Chris Husko are the only returning starters up front.

Defensively, the Ducks are junking the 4-3 in favor of the more common 5-2 alignment in hopes of improving a defense that has ranked ninth or 10th in the conference the last three years.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," Brooks said. "It's broke, so we're going to fix it."

Anthony Newman is among the best safeties in the conference, and the talents of nose tackle Rollin Putzier are more featured in the new defensive scheme.

The question isn't whether **Washington State** can move the ball, but whether Coach Dennis Erickson can translate that into extended success for the whole team.

The philosophy of the Cougars' first-year coach—"Throw first and run second"—made for entertaining and productive offenses at Idaho and then Wyoming, where Erickson put together a 38-21 record. But under Jim Walden, who was hired away by Iowa State, Washington State regularly fielded one of the best offensive teams in the conference. Victories, however, were much harder to come by than first downs.

"For Washington State to become a consistent winner," Erickson said, "we've got to play good defense. And we've got some talent defensively."

Six defensive starters return, most notably linebacker Brian Forde, who was in on 157 tackles last season. Five of the Cougars' front seven are back, and Erickson may employ a pair of inside linebackers at times to get Forde and Tuineau Alipate on the field at the same time.

Although only one starter returns in the secondary (cornerback Shawn Landrum), that unit appears to have good speed.

Timm Rosenbach is the quarterback after platooning with departed Ed Blount last season. Victor Wood is the only wide receiver with much experience, but the Cougars are loaded at tight end, where senior Chris Leighton is ready to bloom.

Guard Mike Utley leads a mixed bag up front, and young running backs Ed Tingstad, Michael Pringle and Steve Broussard have shown fine potential.

After registering upsets of Washington and Brigham Young over the last two

years, **Oregon State** enters 1987 with plenty of opportunities to keep its streak alive: The Beavers' schedule is virtually full of heavy favorites.

Coming off back-to-back 3-8 seasons, Oregon State faces eight teams that played in bowl games last season, not to mention Texas and a team they haven't beaten in 12 years, Oregon.

"We're going to have to be at least 20 percent better if we're going to be able to show any improvement in our win-loss record," Coach Dave Kragthorpe said.

Junior Erik Wilhelm, the owner of a bundle of Oregon State game, season and career passing records, returns at quarterback. He completed 60.2 percent of his attempts for 2,871 yards a year ago, but primarily with six-yard passes. Kragthorpe is hoping the lefty can start hooking up on more of the 25-yard variety.

A veteran line anchored by center Dave Orndorff and a deep group of running backs could allow the Beavers to increase their ground production.

Eight defensive starters return. That squad is led by tackle Rich Haggerty, line-backer Jeff Schneider and cornerbacks Lavance Northington and Teddy Johnson. Northington, who led the league in interceptions in 1985, suffered season-ending rib and knee injuries early last season and was replaced by Johnson, who picked off a league-high nine passes.

An emotional upset of Stanford kept **California** out of the Pac-10 cellar for the first time in three seasons, but the Bears still had the worst overall record in the conference (2-9). After the season, cheer-leading football hero Joe Kapp was replaced by straightforward football mentor Bruce Snyder, late of Utah State and the Los Angeles Rams.

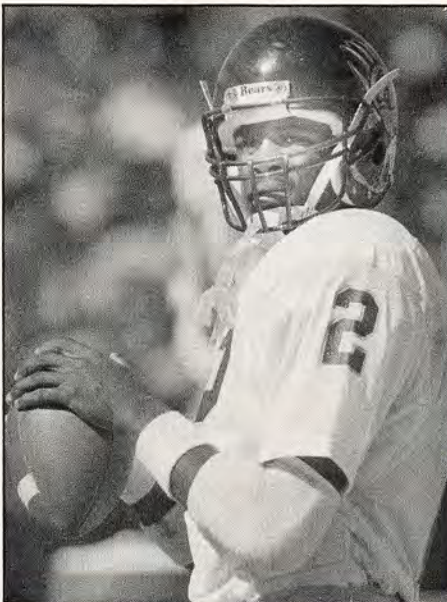
Snyder has his work cut out for him. Kapp left him with a few good players, but standout running back Marc Hicks chose not to hang around. He transferred to Ohio State.

Junior running back Chris Richards, however, seems to have the potential to be a big-timer in his own right, especially in the grind-it-out offense that Snyder likes. Sophomore Mike Ford could emerge as one of the league's better wide receivers.

Troy Taylor, who started as a pure freshman last year, is back at quarterback, and he could shine this fall with a spring practice under his belt. After two position changes, senior Brian Bedford—one of the premier athletes in the Pac-10—is settling in at flanker, which could allow the Bears to use him much like Notre Dame uses Tim Brown.

Linebacker Ken Harvey, nose-guard Majett Whiteside and tackle Natu Tuatagaloa are fine defenders. Tackle-turned-linebacker Joel Dickson is one of the league's diamonds in the rough. Linebacker Hardy Nickerson will be missed, of course, but more experience up front and additional speed in the secondary could translate into immediate improvement on defense. ■

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California's Mike Ford.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Coach: Larry Smith (first year at Southern Cal; 66-55-3 overall, 11 years).

1986 Record: 7-4; Pac-10: 5-3/T4th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Losses: Jeff Bregel, OG; Louis Brock, CB; Ron Brown, LB; Tim McDonald, S; Erik McKee, TE; Junior Thurman, S.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Dave Cadigan, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; Ken Henry, TB, 6-3/195, Sr.; John Katnik, C, 6-1/250, Sr.; Ryan Knight, TB, 6-1/205, Sr.; Brent Parkinson, G, 6-6/250, Soph.; Rodney Peete, QB, 6-2/190, Jr.; Randy Tanner, FL, 5-11/190, Sr. **Defense (6):** Greg Coquette, CB, 6-3/210, Sr.; Marcus Cotton, LB, 6-4/220, Sr.; Keith Davis, LB, 6-1/235, Sr.; Rex Moore, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Dan Owens, DG, 6-4/235, Soph.; Tim Ryan, DG, 6-5/250, Soph.

Key Returnees: Erik Affholter, SE, Jr.; Cleveland Colter, S, Soph.; Aaron Emanuel, TB, Jr.; Paul Green, TE, Jr.; John Guerrero, OT, Jr. (RS/knee); Leroy Holt, FB, Soph.; John Jackson, FL, Soph.; Brad Leggett, OT, Soph.; Mark Sager, OT, Jr.; Bill Stokes, LB, Sr.; Steve Webster, TB, Jr.; Michael Williams, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Mark Carrier, S (RS/foot); Don Gibson, NT (RS); Scott Lockwood, TB; Bill Schultz, OG (JC/injured knee in spring); Junior Seau, LB; Mark Tucker, OG (RS); Gary Wellman, FL (RS).

STANFORD

Coach: Jack Elway (17-17, 3 years; 72-48-3, 11 years).

1986 Record: 8-3; Pac-10: 5-3/T4th.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Losses: Tol Cook, CB; Thomas Henley, WR; Tony Leiker, DT; John Paye, QB; Dave Wyman, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Jeff James, WR, 6-0/186, Sr.; Brad Muster, RB, 6-3/226, Sr.; Andy Papathanassiou, G, 6-4/250, Soph.; Andy Sinclair, C, 6-3/275, Jr.; Eric Snelson, TE, 6-3/235, Sr.; John Zentner, T, 6-5/265, Jr. **Defense (6):** Lester Archambeau, T, 6-5/245, Soph.; Kurt Colehower, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Alan Grant, CB, 5-10/184, Soph.; Ray Huckestein, NG, 6-2/245, Jr.; Brad Humphreys, S, 6-3/200, Sr.; Barry McKeever, LB, 6-3/241, Jr. (doubtful/injured knee in spring).

Key Returnees: Darron Bennett, LB, Soph.; Robbie Coffin, OT, Jr.; Marshall Dillard, FB, Sr.; Greg Ennis, QB, Jr.; Rob Hincley, LB, Soph.; Joe Lortie, DT, Sr.; Jeff Marchin, OT, Jr. (doubtful/injured knee in spring); Ed McCaffrey, WR, Soph.; Jim Price, TE, Soph.; Kevin Richardson, LB, Jr.; Doug Robison, P, Sr.; Rick Theder, S, Jr.; Eric Volta, NG, Sr.; Chris Young, CB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Brian Johnson, QB (RS); Mike Kohlmoos, OT (RS); Scott Stark, QB (RS); Jono Tunney, LB (RS).

UCLA

Coach: Terry Donahue (88-34-7, 11 years).

1986 Record: 7-3-1; Pac-10: 5-2-1/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 5-2.

Key Losses: Karl Dorrell, FL; Chuckie Miller, CB; Craig Rutledge, S.

Starters Returning: Offense (4): Willie Anderson, SE, 6-0/177, Sr.; Mel Farr, FB, 6-0/218, Sr.; Gaston Green, TB, 5-10/190, Sr.; John Kidder, T, 6-5/270, Sr. **Defense (7):** Darryl Henley, CB, 5-10/165, Jr.; Carnell Lake, LB, 6-0/204, Jr.; Ken Norton, LB, 6-2/220, Sr.; Eric Smith, LB, 6-3/225, Sr.; Terry Tumey, NG, 6-1/230, Sr.; Jim Wahler, T, 6-4/258, Jr.; James Washington, S, 6-1/195, Sr.

Key Returnees: Charles Arbuckle, TE, Soph.; Eric Ball, TB, Jr.; Frank Cornish, OG, Soph.; Paco Craig, FL, Sr.; Alan Dial, S, Sr.; Jeff Glasser, DT, Sr.; Melvin Jackson, LB, Sr.; Chance Johnson, LB, Jr.; Brian Jones, LB, Soph. (missed spring/back); Mike Lodish, NG, Soph.; Brendan McCracken, QB, Jr.; Dennis Price, CB, Sr.; James Primus, FB, Sr. (fractured foot in spring); Billy Ray, LB, Jr.; Russ Warnick, OT, Sr.; Doug Wassel, C, Sr. (switched from DT).

Top Newcomers: Troy Aikman, QB (transfer/Oklahoma); Ben Hummel, LB (transfer/SMU); Reggie Moore, FL (RS); David Richards, OT (transfer/SMU); Scott Spalding, DT (RS); Eric Turner, S (RS); Lance Zeno, C (RS).

WASHINGTON

Coach: Don James (101-39-1, 12 years; 126-58-2 overall, 15 years).

1986 Record: 8-2-1; Pac-10: 5-2-1/T2nd.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Losses: Steve Alvord, MG; Thane Cleland, P; Rick Fenney, FB; Kevin Gogan, OT; Lonzell Hill, WR; Jeff Jaeger, K; Rod Jones, TE; Tim Peoples, S; Steve Roberts, LB; Reggie Rogers, DT; Tony Zackery, CB (knee injury suffered in spring).

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Bern Brostek, C, 6-2/272, Soph.; Chris Chandler, QB, 6-3/204, Sr.; Darryl Franklin, SE, 5-10/181, Sr.; Rick McLeod, T, 6-6/268, Sr.; Vince Weather-sby, TB, 5-11/200, Jr.; Brett Wiese, G, 6-3/274, Jr.; Mike Zandofsky, G/T, 6-2/296, Jr. **Defense (5):** Tom Erlandson, LB, 6-2/216, Sr.; Brian Habib, MG, 6-5/280, Sr.; Art Malone, CB, 5-10/176, Jr.; David Rill, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Bo Yates, LB, 6-1/211, Sr. (broke foot in spring).

Key Returnees: Dennis Brown, DT, Soph.; Tony Covington, FB, Jr.; Darryl Hall, S, Jr.; Aaron Jenkins, FB, Jr.; Steve Jones, RB/KR, Jr.; Will Rideout, S, Sr.; Andre Riley, WR/KR, Soph. (switched from RB); Brian Slater, FL, Jr.; Demouy Williams, CB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Eugene Burkhalter, DB; Adam Cooney, OT (RS); Mark Kilpack, TE (RS); Travis Richardson, DT (RS).

WASHINGTON STATE

Coach: Dennis Erickson (first year at Washington State; 38-21 overall, 5 years).

1986 Record: 3-7-1; Pac-10: 2-5-1/8th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Ed Blount, QB; Rick Chase, SE; Ron Collins, S; Michel James, FL; Ian Lindner, OG; Kerry Porter, RB; Ricky Reynolds, CB.

Starters Returning: Offense (4): Chris Dyko, T, 6-8/265, Jr.; Ken Kuiper, T, 6-5/262, Sr.; Ed Tingstad, RB, 6-2/206, Jr.; Mike Utley, G, 6-7/286, Jr. **Defense (6):** Marvin Adams, E, 6-5/265, Sr.; Tim Downing, T, 6-6/248, Soph.; Brian Forde, LB, 6-2/224, Sr.; Shawn Landrum, CB, 5-10/182, Jr.; Maury Metcalf, LB, 6-2/222, Jr.; Chris Miller, E, 6-5/249, Sr.

Key Returnees: Tuineau Alipate, LB, Jr.; Steve Broussard, RB, Soph.; Dave Fakkema, C, Jr.; James Hasty, CB, Sr.; Chris Hiller, DE, Sr.; Artie Holmes, S, Jr.; Mark Ledbetter, DT, Soph.; Ron Lee, S, Jr.; Chris Leighton, TE, Sr. (RS/medical); Bob O'Neal, LB, Jr. (RS/medical); Mel Orchard, TE, Jr.; Michael Pringle, RB, Soph.; Timm Rosenbach, QB, Soph.; Tony Savage, DT, Soph.; Tim Stallworth, SE, Soph.; Victor Wood, FL, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Darryl Beard, QB; Chad Cushing, TE; Bob Garman, DL; Ron Hawkins, QB; William Peltum, WR (JC); Elmer Thomas, WR (transfer/SMU); Michael Wimberly, WR (JC/injured knee in spring).

Alias Mr. Smooth

South Carolina's Todd Ellis Poised For a Big Season

By BOB GILLESPIE

It was an evening in 1985 and Todd Ellis was riding an elevator at Bates House, a dormitory on the University of South Carolina campus. The elevator made an unexpected stop, the door opened and in stepped an attractive blonde co-ed.

She looked up at the 6-foot-3, 200-pound quarterback and asked, "Aren't you Todd Ellis?"

"Yes, I am," Ellis said.

And then...

"She reached over and pulled the stop button on the elevator, grabbed my shirt and gave me a kiss," Ellis recalled. "That pretty much shocked me."

He shook his head, smiling. "Not too many things that extreme happen anymore."

That incident was but one of several early indications that Todd Ellis had "arrived" as a public figure in Columbia, S.C. "Early" in the sense that the youngster had yet to play a down of major college football.

And now, two years and one football season (he redshirted in 1985) later, the rising star of Todd Ellis is firmly stationed over the city of Columbia and that portion of the state that worships South Carolina football. His garnet-and-black No. 9 jersey adorns nearly every 10-year-old, would-be quarterback in the state and his reputation is rapidly spreading to points north, south, east and west. Ellis has just 11 college football games under his belt, but already he's being touted by the likes of Dallas Cowboys official Gil Brandt as "the best college quarterback in the country this year."

And he might well be the best known by the end of the 1987 season. The last player that captured the hearts of the South Carolina faithful and won national recognition was Gamecock running back George Rogers, a two-time All-America and the 1980 Heisman Trophy winner. But whereas Rogers was painfully shy in public, Ellis is a public relation man's dream—poised, outgoing, intelligent and articulate, with rough-hewn good looks, a maturity far beyond his years and a mix of confidence and cockiness that can inspire blondes in elevators to unexpected boldness.

"Todd," says Mark Ellis, his 23-year-old brother and closest friend, "wants to be the man. He thrives on the pressure. He's been that way since he was 15."

South Carolina Coach Joe Morrison, who played with and against his share of outstanding quarterbacks during a 14-



South Carolina quarterback Todd Ellis has the kind of arm and poise that it takes to win friends and influence opponents.

year career with the New York Giants, remembers his first encounter with Ellis.

"It was after I'd been at the Walter Camp (All-America) awards," Morrison said. "When Doug Flutie (the 1984 Heisman Trophy winner from Boston College) got his award there, I was tremendously impressed with his presence, how he handled the media, surroundings and hype.

"Then, when I visited with Todd, here was a guy coming out of high school that, to me, had the same polish and poise and ability to handle things as Flutie did coming out of college. That'd be a chore for anyone, let alone a high school player. But he's a more mature individual than that."

Last fall as a redshirt freshman, Ellis displayed his maturity on the football field. He took control of South Carolina's run-and-shoot offense and proceeded to break nearly every passing and total offense record at South Carolina, as well as three national freshman records. His 3,020 yards passing, 2,975 yards total offense and 20 touchdown passes erased standards set by Northwestern's Sandy Schwab in 1982 and Purdue's Mark Herrmann in 1977.

His school-record completion percentage was a gaudy 60.3, even though he completed less than 50 percent of his passes in South Carolina's first two games. With three seasons of eligibility remaining, Ellis already ranks third on his school's career passing chart. He passed for 200 or more yards in 10 of his 11 games last season and broke the 300-yard barrier three times. Ellis enjoyed his biggest afternoon when he burned Virginia Tech for 394 passing yards and 428 yards of total offense, both South Carolina single-game records.

That the Gamecocks struggled to a disappointing 3-6-2 season and that Ellis threw a school-record 22 interceptions while making the usual freshman mistakes did nothing to tarnish his status. Heroes can be easily forgiven.

"I felt like my mistakes were as much a part of our problems as anyone's last year," Ellis said, "...yet people come up to me and say, 'You had a great season.' Maybe they feel that way due to the records and the media attention. I guess they do treat me a little like that."

At the tender age of 19, Ellis already has been The Sporting News' second-team All-America quarterback, behind University of Miami Heisman winner Vinny Testaverde, and a Sports Illustrated offensive player of the week (for his 214-yard, two-touchdown performance in a 48-21 win over Wake Forest). Off the field, he speaks at elementary schools, churches and to civic groups, and he serves on the South Carolina Attorney General's anti-drug campaign. At times, he seems too good to be true.

"Some people try to find imperfections; I just say, 'Thank you, Lord,' and accept him as he is," said Morrison.

"It's a well-worn cliché," said sportswriter Helen Ross, who has followed Ellis since his high school days in Greensboro, N.C., "but he's just an All-American kind



Todd Ellis made the usual freshman mistakes last season, but still made things happen on the field.

of kid. He's the kind you'd like to see go to the pros so you can sit around on Sundays and say, 'I knew him when.'"

Getting a handle on the real Ellis, distinguishing between the player and the image, is not always easy. Even for Ellis.

When he arrived in Columbia in the fall of 1985 as the most highly touted recruit in South Carolina football history, it seemed like a blatant mismatch. The prep All-America at Greensboro's Page High School, considered one of the nation's top five prospects as a senior, was coming to a program that, before a 10-2 season in 1984, had a 90-year record of exactly .500 (386-386).

"The first time I met him, I was expecting some guy about 6-5, 215, with dark glasses and a (Jim) McMahon haircut," said senior receiver Sterling Sharpe, a 1986 second-team All-America for The Sporting News who caught 74 passes for 1,106 yards, the fifth-best mark among NCAA receivers. "I'd read about him; he had a stat sheet four miles long. I figured he wouldn't associate with anyone because of what he'd done in high school.

"But he proved me and others wrong. The guy was laid-back, he laughed, he talked, he had fun. He came in, and it was like he'd been here two or three years."

In South Carolina's irreverent locker room, Ellis is known as "The Weasel," said guard Charles Gowan. "He's always trying to weasel in on someone's girlfriend. If we're out somewhere and see some girls, we'll tell Todd, 'Go talk to them.' And he'll do it."

"People think he's got tunnel-vision or something, but I see him as flamboyant," said senior guard David Poinsett. "He focuses in practice and games, but off the field, he's loose, a little flaky."

Poinsett's favorite Ellis story tells about one early Sunday morning as he (Poinsett) was driving to a convenience store to get something to eat. "On the way back, I see some nut in cowboy boots and a jean jacket standing in the middle of the road, trying to flag me down. It was Todd," he said with a laugh.

The implication is that Ellis was not out for an early-morning jog.

On the field, his teammates are his biggest admirers. In Ellis' first game, a lopsided 34-14 loss to Miami, his inexperienced line allowed him to get hammered repeatedly by All-America tackle Jerome Brown. But Ellis came back to throw two late touchdown passes.

"They pounded him, but he never got discouraged," Gowan said. "I've never seen him show pain, and he had to be in pain that game."

Even during his redshirt season, Ellis was being closely watched by fans and teammates. "As a freshman, I thought he was as good as (senior quarterbacks Mike) Hold and (Allen) Mitchell," Gowan said. "He had the perfect mentality for a quarterback—cocky enough to throw into a crowd and smart enough to know when not to."

That, more than anything else, has been the key to Ellis' success. There are some quarterbacks with quicker feet and some with stronger arms. But no one matches Ellis when you combine feet, arm and leadership intangibles.

"I always tell people I'm not a great athlete, I'm not an athlete at all," Ellis said. "I'm a copy cat. If you tell me what to do exactly on a play, I'll do it for you every time. I'm good enough, I've trained and worked hard, I can adjust to things—but I'm definitely not an athlete."

Sharpe disputes that. Against Clemson, Ellis sprinted to his right, then turned and fired a shot to Sharpe on the left side of the field. Sharpe beat the lone Tiger defender for a 72-yard touchdown.

"We'd both misread the coverage, but his arm is strong enough to cover up stuff like that," Sharpe said. "He does that all the time because of his ability and his brains."

And yet... there were those freshman moments. In South Carolina's 45-24 win over Western Carolina, Ellis came up to the line and, seeing the defensive alignment, decided to change the play.

"He was supposed to yell '20-T' for a trap, and instead he yells, '20-Trap!'" Sharpe said, laughing. "Everybody in the stadium heard it. The linebacker stepped

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two steps closer. When I went in motion, I looked at (tailback) Anthony Smith, and his eyes just rolled. He just got creamed on the play."

Even though the 1986 season established Ellis as one of the premier attractions in football seasons to come, it also was the most frustrating year of his life. For the first time since he first picked up a football, he didn't control and dominate the opposition.

"I knew going in I'd struggle at times, just from going through spring practice and making mistakes," he said. "But I thought we'd win more games. I don't think I'd ever played on a losing football team. Since junior high, I know, I'd only lost four games.

"It was difficult for me. The first couple of games I couldn't believe it. It was hard to take and hard to talk about. For the first time since I'd been playing, I couldn't contribute."

Morrison installed the run-and-shoot, a wide-open, passing offense most recently used by Coach Mouse Davis at Portland State and the United States Football League's Houston Gamblers, with Ellis in mind. At Page High School, Ellis had run a similar offense, which was used to take advantage of his strong arm while minimizing such weaknesses as a young offensive line and lack of a dominant running back.

But while Ellis took quickly to the new philosophy, the rest of the Gamecocks went through a tough transition. The rough spots showed vividly in South Carolina's opening loss to Miami and the next week in a 30-20 setback at Virginia.

The Virginia game marked Ellis' 1986 low point. After throwing four interceptions against Miami, he threw two late in the Virginia game, killing potential rallies. "I didn't seem in the flow the whole game. When it was time for me to drive and win, I threw interceptions twice," he said.

Ellis began seeing daylight two weeks later, when the Gamecocks played host to Georgia.

"I made mistakes, but I knew then I could dictate what was going on," Ellis said. "The rest of the season, there was no time where I didn't know what should happen on every play, where I didn't have their (the opposition's) defense in my control."

The Georgia game, however, also marked the beginning of a freakish, frustrating string of events. The Gamecocks lost, 31-26, when, after driving to the Georgia goal line late in the game, Ellis' pass to Sharpe for the potential winning score bounced off his shoulder and into the hands of a Bulldog defensive lineman.

The rest of the year was more of the same.

Third-ranked Nebraska escaped with a 27-24 victory after recovering a late South Carolina fumble and then intercepting Ellis at the Cornhusker 15. Nationally ranked North Carolina State handed the Gamecocks a stunning 23-22 loss on a last-second Hail Mary pass. Virginia Tech and Clemson escaped with ties when the

Gamecocks missed potential game-winning field goals with time running out.

When Clemson rallied for a 21-21 tie in the season finale, "I thought to myself, that's the perfect way for this season to end, the capper," Ellis said. "People said, 'You're building character.' By the end of the year, I felt like I had more character than anything else."

Ellis' reaction was to go to school on the 1986 season. "I broke down, on film, every interception," he said. "I looked at them and tried to see what I did, what I was thinking at that moment.

"The smart quarterback in me, the next time I'm in that situation, I'll remember it. And I won't do it again."

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Ellis is the product of a close, supportive family, headed by Chuck and Daphne Ellis, both former athletes. "Supportive" might be something of an understatement. The Ellises moved to Columbia so they could watch their son play football, and when Daphne Ellis was hospitalized with back pains last fall, it marked the first time in Todd's life she had missed one of his games.

Mark Ellis, who, according to Chuck Ellis was actually a better athlete than Todd, served as a measuring stick, sounding board and on-site quarterback tutor for his younger brother. "We'd rather beat each other than any other team or individual," said Mark. "We were always competing, although by the time he was 15, he broke every record I ever thought about."

One reason might have been the size advantage Todd enjoyed over Mark.

"One doctor said Todd was in a growth spurt from the time he was born until he was 16," said Daphne. "He was always large, and he always played with Mark and his friends, and I guess we just looked at him as being older. We treated him that way, and he responded, showed maturity all along."

Ellis played tight end in youth football until his coach, Brantley Edwards, suggested that he would be perfect at quarterback. From that point on, he never played anything else. But when he arrived as a 10th-grader at Page, where Mark had been the most recent quarterback, Ellis met a roadblock.

"He (Page Coach Marion Kirby) said he'd never had a sophomore quarterback and wasn't going to that year," said Daphne. "Todd went home that day and told Mark he wanted to learn every Page play. They almost ruined our yard, but when he went to practice in August, he knew them all." And Page had a sophomore quarterback.

In fact, Kirby had two. Ellis and childhood buddy Stafford Moser, now a defensive back at Wake Forest, split time at the spot and Page went 12-2. But the next season, the Pirates' top receiver broke his leg and Moser, the more versatile of the two quarterbacks, changed positions. Ellis' career took off.

"Todd really emerged as a field general as a junior," Kirby said. "By his senior year, he was as familiar with the (run-

and-shoot) offense as the coaches were."

In his three varsity seasons, Ellis piled up 6,157 passing yards, including a 3,120-yard senior year, as Page won 38 of 42 games and three state championships. He broke 11 North Carolina career records and attracted college recruiters in droves. One of them was South Carolina defensive line coach Jim Washburn.

When Ellis announced in February 1985 that he had picked the Gamecocks over four other finalists (Stanford, Georgia, North Carolina and Louisiana State), it marked a major personal triumph for Washburn.

"To be honest, at first I didn't think we had a chance," he said. "Todd and his folks drew up a list of 10 criteria—a team that threw the ball, academics, winning tradition—and I think we met one of them."

Ellis' early favorite was Stanford, the nation's foremost producer of National Football League quarterbacks. Stanford recruiting coordinator Dick James still says, "We thought Todd would fit into our system perfectly." His trip to Palo Alto, complete with a visit to the site of Super Bowl XIX and a face-to-face meeting with former Stanford quarterback John Elway, seemed to be the clincher.

"When he came home, he said, 'That's it,'" Chuck Ellis said. "We had to practically drag him on the plane to take his South Carolina visit."

But Washburn, a large, loud former lineman whose recruiting style is often confrontational, made an impression on the youngster. "He didn't try to showboat me. Instead, he challenged me. He said it'd take guts to come to South Carolina and try to build a tradition," Ellis said.

The night of his visit to Columbia, Washburn, senior quarterback Hold and Ellis sat in a brightly lit Williams-Brice Stadium and listened to a specially prepared tape played over the stadium loudspeakers. It was an inspirational gimmick with Gamecock announcer Bob Fulton describing an Ellis-led South Carolina drive to beat Nebraska.

"It sounds hokey," Ellis said, "but you take a high school kid and he hears that, it definitely pumps your blood. I've still got a copy of that tape."

"After it was over," said Washburn, "Todd jumped up and high-fived me and Hold."

There still was much head scratching and gnashing of teeth before Ellis reached his decision, however.

Chuck, who was working in Columbia and commuting to Greensboro on weekends, had become friends with the South Carolina coaching staff and was arguing for his son to stay close to home. "My dad was the second-biggest recruiter for South Carolina after Jim Washburn," Mark Ellis said.

Daphne, though she kept quiet, hated the idea of her son playing 3,000 miles away.

The day before the national signing date, Ellis and his parents sat at the kit-

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chen table and, having eliminated all but Stanford and South Carolina, went over the pros and cons. Finally, Todd stood and said, "I'm going over to watch Mark at spring practice. I need to be alone."

At nearby Guilford College, Mark Ellis watched his younger brother circle the practice field, deep in thought. "After practice, I walked to the locker room with him," Mark said. "He said, 'I think I've made up my mind.' I said, 'I can tell.'"

"Then he said, 'I think I'm going to South Carolina.' I still believe he decided right there on the practice field."

As a redshirt quarterback, Ellis wore a blue jersey in practice. Blue jerseys mean "don't hit the quarterback." "One day," said Washburn, "(defensive end) Kevin Hendrix came to me and said, 'Coach, Ellis is going down.' I told him, 'I'll kill you running,' and he said, 'It's worth it.'"

"Todd rolled out and Kevin blindsided him, knocked the pee out of him, then pushed his face in the dirt. Todd jumps up and punches him and then they're rolling in the dirt. Kevin pretty much won, but after that, all the linemen said, 'Ellis is alright.'"

As one of the nation's top recruits, Ellis became the target of a routine investigation by the NCAA. But midway through Todd's redshirt year, the family discovered that the Charlotte Observer newspaper and the NCAA were looking into Chuck Ellis' relationship with Morrison and his staff.

Both Chuck Ellis and Morrison insist that their first meeting at Jerry Kelly's, a bar located near the South Carolina athletic offices, was a chance encounter. "I went there with a friend for beers, and the coaches were there, too," Chuck Ellis said. "But for a long time, they didn't know I was Todd's father, until Washburn walked in and that was that."

"I never even let them buy me a beer, and I kept receipts for everything. I'm not pure as the driven snow, but I never wanted anything to reflect on Todd. I guess we're fortunate that was the only thing ever questioned."

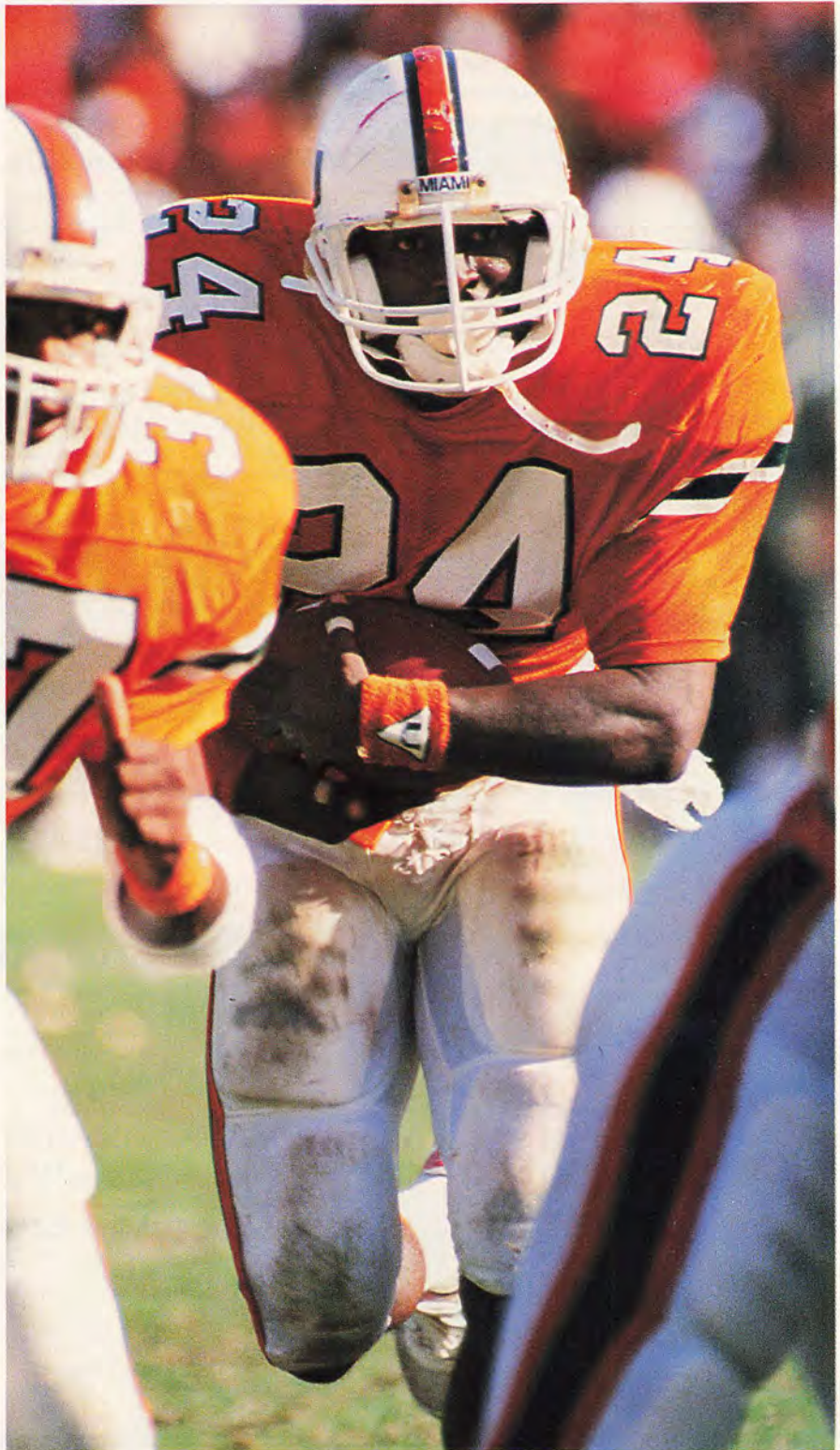
"It was like it was a separate issue," Morrison said curtly. "Here was a guy I'd been friends with, not because of his family."

Ultimately, both the NCAA and the newspaper dropped the matter. Todd remains convinced the newspaper got involved when he borrowed a BMW automobile owned by teammate David Hodge to drive on campus one day. "The next day, they're calling, wanting to know where the BMW came from," he said. "Then they were calling my dad's business, asking questions there."

"It made me bitter in a lot of ways. I guess if I were in the NCAA's place, I'd look into it, too. But it didn't bother me, because I knew there was nothing wrong."

Lofty expectations and life under a microscope have become a way of life for Ellis. He knows that, in Columbia at least, he is not just another football player.

Tommy Suggs, a local bank executive and the former South Carolina quarter-



Senior Warren Williams (above) could take over Melvin Bratton's vacated halfback position at the University of Miami.

back who owned many of the passing records that Ellis spent 1986 shattering, says that as Ellis' performances heighten his already-lofty visibility, the young quarterback will have to beware of others trying to take over his life.

"My junior year, we won the Atlantic Coast Conference, but my senior year I hurt my ankle and we had an off year," Suggs said. "It's tough being booed by 40,000 people. It eats at you and your fami-

ly. Todd had an exciting year, but this year people are going to look for the wins to go with it. There's going to be a lot of pressure on him."

"And even if you win, there's a very real possibility that you can lose your own identity. Every organization will ask for public appearances, and he'll have to be careful or he'll spend all his time riding around the state. He's got to enjoy his life, too."

Says Morrison: "I'd be more concerned, maybe, with some other players. But Todd's taken everything in stride, going back to high school, his redshirt year, last year."

"He's handled everything so well. He's a young man with his feet pretty well set on the ground. He realizes more fully than some the responsibilities he has, but I don't think it's changed him."

Mark Ellis worries, though, that it may engulf his brother. "He enjoys the attention, that's one reason he came here," Mark said. "But it bothers me the pressures they put on a 19-year-old kid—the media, the armchair quarterbacks. He worries about pleasing his teammates, coaches, the family and himself."

"We'll be sitting at the house with dates, watching a movie or something, and people will knock on the door and ask for autographs. And he'll say, 'Sure.' We'll get away sometimes, go to the beach and cut loose, have fun. But he never lets up the discipline."

Ellis, too, worries about getting caught up in the celebrity cycle. "Sometimes I'm just being a normal guy, then boom, someone recognizes me, and it reminds me I'm the South Carolina quarterback."

"I know I've got things I've got to live up to. But it's not to the point I can't handle it."

Indeed, Ellis hopes to be handling even more in the next three seasons, like a Heisman Trophy for himself, a national championship for the Gamecocks and, eventually, law school when his eligibility is used up.

"You have to aim high for things," Ellis said. "If I don't quite win it (the Heisman), if we don't quite win the championship, how bad is that?"

Last fall, Ellis and a date were sitting in the Capitol Restaurant, one of his favorite all-night eateries. "I was out with her for the first time, and she was giving me a hard time about all my publicity," he said. "I'm trying to downplay it when this woman, about 25-26, walks up and says, 'You're Todd Ellis, aren't you?'"

"We started talking, and all of a sudden, she just lays a kiss on me, right in front of my date."

He laughed and shrugged. "What are you going to do?"

When your name is Todd Ellis, the possibilities are endless. ■

INDEPENDENTS PREVIEW

At one end of the Sunshine State is Deion—as in Neon—Sanders, flashing his brilliance in the Florida State secondary. At the other end is Bennie—as in Bennie and the Jets—Blades, the sharpest cat in the Miami secondary.

Sanders, a junior, just may be the best cornerback in the nation. Many consider Blades, a senior, to be the nation's top safety.

Which one is best? Who knows? But one

thing is certain: The coaching staffs at the two powerhouse independents don't get too fidgety when opponents come to pass.

"Deion can be as good as he's willing to make himself," Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden said. "It's just how well he can handle the perfume."

Perfume? By that, Bowden meant the sweet smell of success.

"That's one of the biggest things you're concerned about with young stars," Bowden said.

Miami Coach Jimmy Johnson is quick to heap praise on Blades.

"He's the best defensive back in the country," Johnson said. "I put him in the same category as a defensive back as Hugh Green as an outside linebacker, Vinny Testaverde as a quarterback and Lee Roy Selmon as a defensive tackle. He's the best I've been around in 22 years of coaching."

Up in Tallahassee, there's already talk that Sanders in the best natural athlete in Florida State history. Sanders, a sixth-round draft choice out of high school by the Kansas City Royals in 1985, plays outfield for the Seminoles' nationally prominent baseball team. He probably could play basketball for Florida State, too; he averaged 24.6 points per game as a senior at North Fort Myers (Fla.) High School.

In football, he's a talented punt returner, but he said he'd rather play wide receiver than anything else.

"I think that would bring out the best in me," Sanders said.

But Bowden is quite happy with Sanders' work at cornerback. He intercepted a team-leading four passes, broke up eight passes, was in on 61 tackles, caused two fumbles and recovered another last season, earning All-America honors.

Blades, who runs a 4.4-second 40-yard dash and competed in the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials, put up some numbers of his own last season, recording 96 tackles and leading Division I-A with 10 interceptions. The consensus All-America was a finalist for the inaugural Jim Thorpe Award, which recognizes the nation's best defensive back.

"He has made a lot of tackles and big plays," said Carlos Mainord, Miami's secondary coach last year. "He was the leader back there. It's not a thing where it's just interceptions."

Blades returned the 10 interceptions for a school-record 128 yards. Until late in the season he had caught as many balls as his older brother Brian had at wide receiver for the Hurricanes.

The Miami fans were highly appreciative. Two of them came up with the "Bennie and the Jets" nickname (based on the Elton John song) for the Miami secondary and created a banner they brought to the Hurricanes' home games.

"We certainly enjoyed seeing that," Blades said. "It gave us an identity."

This fall, no introductions should be necessary for Blades or Sanders.

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Who'll Fill Testaverde's Shoes?



From Jim Kelly to Bernie Kosar to Vinny Testaverde to... Who will pick up the quarterback torch at Miami (Fla.), where the last three players who held the position signed multimillion-dollar contracts with the National Football League?

Well, in the long run it could be sophomore Jeff George, a transfer from Purdue. George, the nation's top-rated high school quarterback two years ago, must sit out this season. He will become eligible in 1988.

In the short run, Hurricanes Coach Jimmy Johnson must select from a group of lesser-known signal-callers. And when spring practice ended last April, Johnson declared that sophomore Steve Walsh was Testaverde's heir apparent. Behind Walsh were freshman Greg Jones and sophomore Bill Turkowski.

Walsh is the only candidate who has varsity game experience, and that was late action in Miami victories last year over Northern Illinois and West Virginia. He completed one of two passes for five yards.



Steve Walsh

"Walsh made tremendous improvement (in the spring), especially the last couple of scrimmages," Johnson said. "He will go into fall drills as our

Number 1 quarterback, and that's not to say he'll definitely be the starting quarterback when the season opens.

"He has more of a firm grasp of the offensive philosophy, and he can only get better as his confidence builds. We feel a lot better about our quarterback situation now than we did two months ago."

All three candidates have been redshirted and are somewhat smaller than the 6-foot-5, 218-pound Testaverde, last year's Heisman Trophy winner. Walsh, a 6-3, 185-pounder, is good at reading defenses and has the best understanding of Miami's sophisticated pro-style offense. Jones (6-2, 187) boasts the strongest arm of the prospects and has quick feet. Turkowski (6-4, 212) is a lefthander who saw spot duty as a pitcher on the Hurricanes' nationally ranked baseball team.

—JIM MARTZ

It will be necessary, however, for the Seminoles to win the close ones this fall if **Florida State** is to reach its potential. So close so often, the Seminoles had trouble hanging on last year.

Bowden's team blew leads or ties against Nebraska, North Carolina, Michigan, Miami (Fla.) and Florida and wound up losing four of those games and tying the other. The Seminoles won their other seven games, including a 27-13 triumph over Indiana in the All-American Bowl.

"I think if we could have stopped people in the fourth quarter, we might have played for the national championship," Bowden said.

They could very well do that this year. With eight starters back on offense, the Seminoles should be hard to stop. And with nine starters back on defense, Florida State should have the stoppers. But a year's maturity may help more than anything else. Last year's team had exceptional young talent but wasn't without its moments of turmoil.

"Most unstable group I've ever had," Bowden said. "If they stick with us, we'll get them out of that."

One youngster who didn't stick was noseguard Chris Miller. Bowden dismissed him from the team after the sophomore, who already had served a 10-month prison term for grand theft, was arrested for stealing a case of beer. He had been a highly touted recruit in 1985 who was expected to contend for the starting noseguard job, especially with starter Thomas Harp's academic status uncertain.

On the brighter side, sophomore tailback Sammie Smith is on the verge of fulfilling his considerable promise. Last season he was plagued by injuries and fumbles but still rushed for 611 yards—second on the team to Victor Floyd, who also returns. Then Smith topped off his season with 205 yards rushing in the All-American Bowl.

"All of a sudden, he has become a force," Bowden said after that game.

Speaking of forces, how about 300-pound offensive tackle Pat Tomberlin and 251-pound tight end Pat Carter?

"You're talking about a Rolls-Royce tackle and tight end there," Bowden said.

The Seminoles have three quarterbacks with at least some varsity experience. Senior Danny McManus, who took the starting job from Chip Ferguson five games into last season before getting injured a few weeks later, is the front-runner for the job, followed by Ferguson and sophomore Peter Tom Willis.

The Seminoles have a deep group of receivers led by senior Herb Gainer. But don't be surprised if Ronnie Lewis emerges as the team's best pass-catcher as a sophomore.

When the offense pulls up short of the goal line, Bowden can call on Derek Schmidt, who has kicked 50 field goals over the last three seasons.

Florida State's wealth of talent extends over to the defense. Besides Sanders, the Seminoles have another legitimate All-America candidate in linebacker Paul



Penn State's 1987 hopes could rest on the powerful legs of up-and-coming running back Blair Thomas.

McGowan, who has led the team in tackles the last two years.

McGowan will get help on the outside from senior Terry Warren and junior Felton Hayes, while safety Stan Shiver joins Sanders in a secondary that returns intact. The line is the only question mark defensively.

At **Miami**, Johnson realizes the days of going into the fourth quarter with comfortable leads may be a thing of the past.

"I imagine we won't have that luxury this season," he said. "We'll have to rely more on defense and kicking than in the past."

Johnson's Hurricanes have been on the verge of national championships in each of the last two seasons but lost to Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl last season and to Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl the previous year. This fall, it shouldn't take long to discover if there's life after Vinny. The Hurricanes' first five opponents are Florida, South Carolina, Arkansas, Florida State and Maryland.

"Not only are they five of the best teams in the country, but all five are experienced and have their quarterback returning," Johnson said. "And we go into the season with an unproven quarterback. We don't even know who he will be."

The heir apparent to Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde's job appears to

be Steve Walsh. With two pass attempts, the sophomore is the "seasoned veteran" among the candidates.

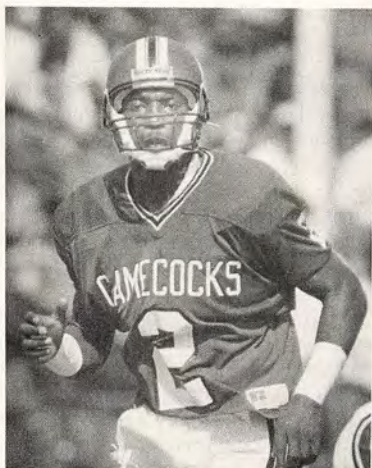
Key losses besides Testaverde were fullback Alonzo Highsmith, consensus All-America defensive tackle Jerome Brown and second-team All-America center Gregg Rakoczy.

"We have to replace virtually the entire offensive line," said Johnson, whose offense has established a school scoring record in each of the last three seasons. "We've also got to replace the best blocking fullback I've ever been around (Highsmith). We're moving running back Melvin Bratton to fullback. He's probably a more exciting runner, but he's not close to Alonzo in terms of blocking."

Bratton is just one example why the Hurricanes need not worry too much about their losses. Plenty of returning starters (13) and talented backups are on hand to help them pick up right where they left off.

All but one of Testaverde's favorite receivers return. The headliner there is second-team All-America Michael Irvin, who led the Hurricanes with 53 receptions last year and already owns the school record for career touchdown catches (20). Johnson also can field either of two tremen-

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S. Carolina's Sterling Sharpe.

TOP INDEPENDENTS

FINISH	COMMENT
1. Florida State	Few can boast the quality and quantity of skill-position athletes possessed by the Seminoles. No weaknesses.
2. Penn State	The Nittany Lions won't repeat as national champs, but with quality backups taking over, the fall won't be far.
3. Miami (Fla.)	The loss of players like Jerome Brown and Vinny Testaverde would cripple most programs; not the Hurricanes.
4. Notre Dame	The Irish gave folks a preview of coming attractions with a string of superb season-ending performances.
5. Pittsburgh	Pitt regains a spot among the nation's elite under Mike Gottfried. Could prove to be the best in the East.

INDEPENDENTS CHECKLIST

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Todd Ellis.....	6-03	203	Soph.	South Carolina
Terrence Jones.....	6-01	207	Junior	Tulane
Danny McColin.....	6-03	195	Senior	Cincinnati
Don McPherson.....	6-00	182	Senior	Syracuse

RUNNING BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Deon Booker.....	5-09	193	Junior	Louisville
Melvin Bratton.....	6-01	217	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
Craig Heyward.....	6-00	260	Junior	Pittsburgh
Chuck Smith.....	5-10	194	Senior	Navy
Sammie Smith.....	6-02	219	Soph.	Florida State
Blair Thomas.....	5-10	189	Junior	Penn State

WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Ryan Bethea.....	6-03	208	Junior	South Carolina
Tim Brown.....	6-00	195	Senior	Notre Dame
Darren Flutie.....	5-10	182	Senior	Boston College
Keith Gloster.....	5-11	165	Senior	Temple
Michael Irvin.....	6-02	200	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
Ronnie Kelley.....	6-00	190	Senior	Tulsa
Sterling Sharpe.....	6-01	196	Senior	South Carolina
Marc Zeno.....	6-03	198	Senior	Tulane

TIGHT ENDS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Pat Carter.....	6-04	251	Senior	Florida State
Peter Caspariello....	6-03	240	Senior	Boston College
Chuck Gorman.....	6-04	220	Soph.	Tulane
Charles Henry.....	6-04	218	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
Michael Hinnant.....	6-04	245	Senior	Temple
Steve Johnson.....	6-06	240	Senior	Virginia Tech
Alfredo Roberts.....	6-03	230	Senior	Miami (Fla.)

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Tim Borcky.....	6-09	300	Senior	Memphis State
Tim Calcagno.....	6-05	264	Senior	Southwestern La.
Pat Ferrell.....	6-04	267	Senior	Southern Miss.
Ted Gatewood.....	6-03	255	Senior	Memphis State
Ted Karamanos.....	6-02	260	Senior	Northern Illinois
Kevin Keffe.....	6-01	260	Senior	Virginia Tech
Chuck Lanza.....	6-02	270	Senior	Notre Dame
Andre Lockley.....	6-06	284	Senior	Tulane
Brian Smider.....	6-04	290	Junior	West Virginia
Mark Stepnoski.....	6-03	265	Junior	Pittsburgh
Pat Tomberlin.....	6-04	300	Junior	Florida State
David Widell.....	6-06	283	Senior	Boston College
Steve Wisniewski.....	6-04	260	Junior	Penn State
Joe Wolf.....	6-05	275	Senior	Boston College

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Dennis Byrd.....	6-04	248	Junior	Tulsa
Pete Curkendall.....	6-03	260	Senior	Penn State
David Grant.....	6-04	271	Senior	West Virginia
Ted Gregory.....	6-01	260	Senior	Syracuse
Thomas Harp.....	6-01	287	Senior	Florida State
Bill Hawkins.....	6-06	245	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
Brad Hunt.....	6-02	274	Senior	West Virginia
Eric Lindstrom.....	6-03	220	Senior	Boston College
Dan Sileo.....	6-02	288	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
Tony Siragusa.....	6-05	255	Junior	Pittsburgh
Ulysses Slaughter....	6-01	260	Junior	Southern Miss.
Daniel Stubbs.....	6-04	241	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
Chris Thieneman....	6-04	258	Senior	Louisville
Bill Thompson.....	6-02	226	Senior	Boston College

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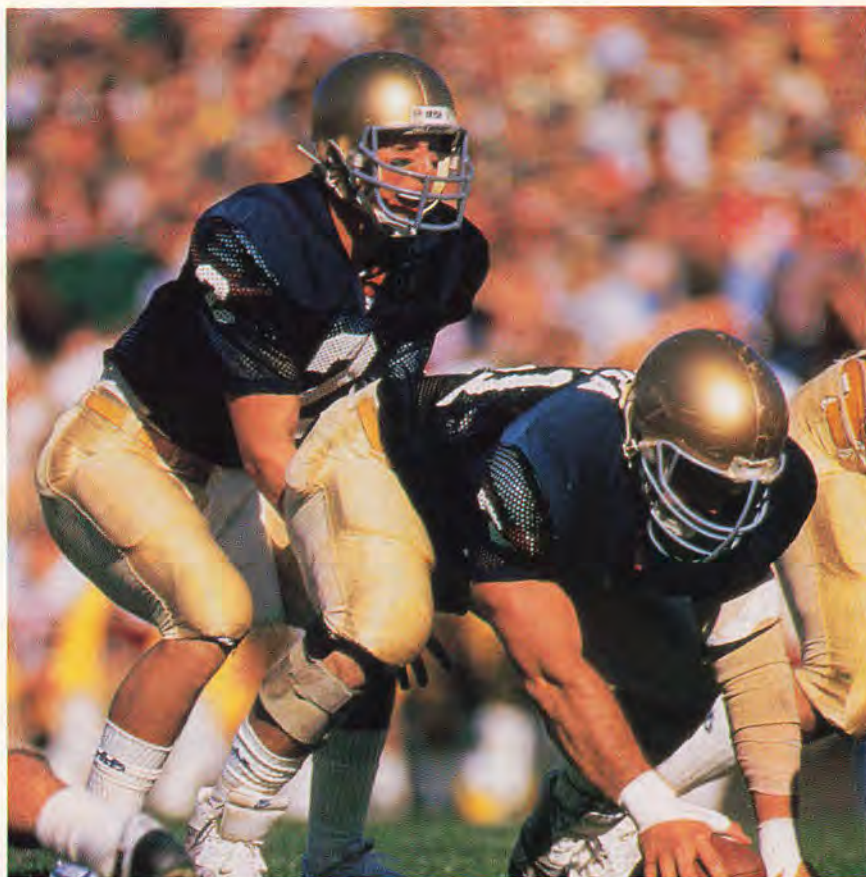
Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Jamel Agemy.....	5-11	213	Senior	Virginia Tech
Trey Bauer.....	6-01	215	Senior	Penn State
Rod Carter.....	6-01	217	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
Sidney Coleman.....	6-01	237	Senior	Southern Miss.
Cedric Figaro.....	6-03	246	Senior	Notre Dame
Pete Gifopoulos.....	6-03	233	Senior	Penn State
Onesimus Henry.....	5-11	212	Senior	Southern Miss.
Derrick Little.....	6-04	230	Junior	South Carolina
Paul McGowan.....	6-01	226	Senior	Florida State
Jerry Olsavsky.....	6-02	212	Junior	Pittsburgh
Bill Romanowski.....	6-03	227	Senior	Boston College

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Teryl Austin.....	6-02	190	Senior	Pittsburgh
Bennie Blades.....	6-00	207	Senior	Miami (Fla.)
Ellis Dillahunt.....	5-11	200	Senior	East Carolina
Don Ellis.....	5-11	175	Junior	Miami (Fla.)
Thurston Harrison..	5-11	178	Junior	Tulane
M. Henderson.....	5-09	190	Senior	Penn State
Eddie Johnson.....	5-10	164	Junior	Penn State
Billy Owens.....	6-02	195	Senior	Pittsburgh
Eddie Parker.....	5-11	186	Senior	Temple
Markus Paul.....	6-02	200	Junior	Syracuse
Greg Philpot.....	5-11	183	Senior	South Carolina
Gary Richard.....	5-11	180	Senior	Pittsburgh
Deion Sanders.....	6-00	180	Junior	Florida State
Terry White.....	5-11	171	Senior	West Virginia
Carter Wiley.....	6-02	210	Senior	Virginia Tech

KICKING SPECIALISTS

Player	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	College
Patrick Broussard..	5-07	173	Senior	Southwestern La.
Chris Kinzer.....	6-00	217	Junior	Virginia Tech
Derek Schmidt.....	5-11	179	Senior	Florida State



Senior quarterback Terry Andrysiak will be asked to step in and direct Notre Dame's 1987 offense.

dous senior tight ends, Charles Henry and Alfredo Roberts. Senior Warren Williams could take over for Bratton at halfback.

Though the offense may struggle for a while, the Hurricanes' defense is well stocked and ready to play. Eight starters are back from a unit that was one of the nation's best in 1986.

The strength of the defense begins up front, where ends Daniel Stubbs (a second-team All-America) and Bill Hawkins and tackle Dan Sileo provide a fierce pass rush. The linebacking is solid with George Mira Jr. (122 tackles last fall), son of the former Miami All-America quarterback, and junior Rod Carter. Blades and cornerbacks Don Ellis and Tolbert Bain head a strong backfield.

"I feel we have a chance to have an excellent team, depending on how some of the young players at the key positions perform," Johnson said.

After Miami lost to **Penn State** in the Fiesta Bowl, Joe Paterno spent a busy winter collecting awards, making speeches along the dinner circuit, attending fund-raisers and meeting the President at the White House. But it all got old before long for the coach of the national champion Nittany Lions.

"You can only smell the roses so long," Paterno said. "After that you get sick of them, and that's about where I am. I'm anxious to get back and coach some football."

It's fortunate he feels that way because with only seven starters back from last

year's undefeated team, Paterno faces one of the toughest coaching challenges of his illustrious career.

"The biggest problem is to forget about last year," he said. "But that's difficult to do because everybody wants to talk about it. Traditionally, we've not been very good coming off great years."

Gone are 17 fifth-year seniors, including consensus All-Americans Shane Conlan and D.J. Dozier and such All-East Independent performers as Chris Conlin, Tim Johnson, John Shaffer and Massimo Manca.

"One of the things that is fun about being a college coach is that you know every three or four years you're going to have to rebuild," Paterno said. "You don't have a Terry Bradshaw, a Franco Harris, a Jack Ham for 10 years. You try to get ready for it."

How?

"We spent a lot more time on basic stuff this spring, finding out who's tough," Paterno said. "We're challenging them more than we would an older team."

One challenge is at quarterback, where senior Matt Knizner, who threw 36 passes a year ago, replaces Shaffer.

"We're literally trying to regroup at every position except quarterback, and even there we're looking for a backup," Paterno said.

Penn State will have an entirely new backfield with Knizner. Blair Thomas will start at tailback, and either Chris Thorpe, Sean Redman or Sean Barowski will be at fullback. Thomas could be one of the na-

tion's best running backs this fall.

Guard Steve Wisniewski and tackle Stan Clayton are back to provide protection for Knizner, whose top target figures to be wide receiver Ray Roundtree.

On defense, the only returning starters from last year's stalwart unit are linebackers Trey Bauer and Pete Gifopoulos, cornerback Eddie Johnson and safety Marques Henderson—all top-notch players. Paterno is counting on senior tackles Pete Curkendall and Matt Johnson to anchor the line.

"I think we'll have to be different this year," Paterno said. "Everything the last few years was predicated on putting the burden on the defense and kicking game. The offensive coaches had to play with one hand behind their back and not do a lot of things. I don't know whether we can play that way again this year. We may end up throwing the ball more. We may go into a game thinking we have to score more points than we did last year."

Notre Dame came up just a few points short in Coach Lou Holtz's first season. The Fighting Irish went 5-6, losing five games by a combined 14 points. But they finished the season with an emotional 38-37 victory over Southern California.

"I thought, performance-wise, we were one of the top 10 teams in the country the last six games of the season," Holtz said. "But now we're back to square one because we had some huge graduation losses. We've got a definite numbers problem with upperclassmen, so our freshmen and sophomores will have to play a lot. . . . We've got a lot of problems to overcome, but I guarantee you, Notre Dame will find a way to win."

Does Holtz have something up his sleeve? After all, he must replace quarterback Steve Beuerlein, who holds almost all of the Irish passing records. On defense, six of the top seven tacklers from the '86 defensive unit are gone.

Senior Terry Andrysiak, who started one game in each of the last two seasons, is penciled in to replace Beuerlein.

"All we're asking Terry is not to get us beat," Holtz said. "He doesn't have to throw for 3,000 yards. If he follows our game plan, eliminates the fumbles and provides strong leadership, he'll be an excellent quarterback."

As for the running game, Notre Dame ran by committee last season. The top six rushers return this season, but none accounted for more than 406 yards.

"Somebody needs to assert himself," Holtz said. "We've got to keep the ball in the hands of fewer people. We need a 'cowbell' back."

Blocking for those backs will be four returning starters—all fifth-year seniors—on the offensive line, including center Chuck Lanza and tackle Byron Spruell.

A common sight, once again, will be that of Heisman Trophy candidate Tim Brown rushing, catching passes and returning kicks. The All-America flanker did all of the above last year, ranking third in Division I-A in all-purpose run-

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Tackle Tony Siragusa is part of what should be a strong defensive line at Pittsburgh.

ning.

The defense returns just four starters and is assured of only one strong spot—that of outside linebacker Cedric Figaro. Holtz said the defense will be better this year, even if he has to make it better himself. Normally, Holtz calls offensive plays in practice, but he switched over to defense during many spring workouts to tutor that group.

Mike Gottfried couldn't kick about his first year at **Pittsburgh**. The Panthers' 5-5-1 record was nothing to rejoice about, but Gottfried re-established some discipline in the sagging Pittsburgh program.

"When I came in, I found a lot of selfish players who were only thinking about what's best for 'me,'" Gottfried said. "Now it's back to what's best for Pitt."

So, it was a shakedown year for Gottfried and the Panthers.

"The transition is over," he said. "Now it's time to start building. I felt like we put in a pretty good foundation."

The foundation includes eight returning starters on each side of the ball. And there's plenty of raw material to work with because the Panthers enjoyed an excellent recruiting year, landing three Parade All-Americans.

The offense will feature a battering

ram at fullback in Craig (Ironhead) Heyward and a slasher in running back Charles Gladman. Heyward weighs in the neighborhood of 260 pounds, depending on when he gulped down his last pizza. Gottfried affectionately calls him "a baby Frigidaire." Heyward rushed for a team-high 756 yards last season.

"He should lose 30 pounds, but he's amazing the way he is," Gottfried said. "How much quicker can he get? He already runs a 4.7."

Gladman finished with just 409 yards and worked his way into Gottfried's doghouse. Their relationship became so strained that Gladman was demoted to the scout team and ran plays with the walk-ons. It was quite a fall from grace considering that in 1985, Gladman became the first sophomore since Tony Dorsett to rush for 1,000 yards at Pitt.

But last spring, Gladman was running alongside Heyward in the backfield as Pitt worked hard on its running game—a running game that was overshadowed by Gottfried's run-and-shoot offense in 1986.

"We threw it a little more than we wanted last year," Gottfried said.

The Panthers probably won't do that this year, especially without a proven quarterback. Gottfried must choose

among seniors Joe Felitsky and Sal Genilla and redshirt freshman Larry Wanke. Pitt should be solid up front, with junior guard Mark Stepnoski already being compared to former Pitt greats Bill Fralic, Mark May and Randy Dixon, a consensus All-America tackle last year.

Pitt also lost a consensus All-America on the defensive line, end Tony Woods. But senior end Jon Carter should join returning starters Tony Siragusa at tackle and Burt Grossman at end to give the Panthers another strong line.

Gottfried can count on a veteran secondary that returns intact and features cornerback Gary Richard and safeties Billy Owens and Teryl Austin. Linebacker Jerry Olsavsky is a hard hitter.

With second-team All-America quarterback Todd Ellis at the controls of an increasingly potent run-and-shoot offense, **South Carolina** moved the football on just about everybody last year, averaging 409 yards of offense and 28.5 points per game. But the Gamecocks' inconsistency on defense allowed six opponents to score 27 or more points, and their record in those games was 0-5-1.

So, even when the run-and-shoot racked up the numbers, there was no such thing as a safe lead. To shore up the defense, Coach Joe Morrison has junked his 4-3 in favor of a five-man front. He also has a new defensive coordinator in Joe Lee Dunn, former head coach at New Mexico.

The Gamecocks return seven defensive starters as well as seven other players who have started at least one game. Leaders of the pack are noseguard Roy Hart, safety Greg Philpot and linebacker Derrick Little.

Offensive experience is a plus for the Gamecocks, who lost only one starter from a year ago. South Carolina's stockade of young talent is especially evident in this area.

With Ellis, who threw for 3,020 yards last fall, back for just his second year, the pass will continue to be the Gamecocks' top weapon. Seven players caught 13 or more passes last year, and six of those seven are back. Ellis often will be looking for wingback Sterling Sharpe, who caught a school-record 74 passes for 1,106 yards last fall, and wide receiver Ryan Bethea (28 catches for 605 yards). Sharpe also received second-team All-America honors for his work as a kick returner last year.

Sophomore Harold Green heads the South Carolina running attack, while tackle Mark Fryer bolsters the offensive line.

After stumbling to a 4-7 record, Coach Don Nehlen's first losing season in seven years at **West Virginia**, the Mountaineers are a team on a mission in 1987. The plan calls for a return to Top 20 status and a bowl trip.

Nehlen has 15 starters back to do the job, including seven on defense. The Mountaineers have a strong unit led by middle guard David Grant and tackle Brad Hunt. The linebacking is solid with the return of three starters as well as sophomore Chris Haering, who could become the best of the bunch. The secondary also will get a boost from Terry

White, an All-Big Ten Conference pick who transferred from Ohio State. He has one season of eligibility remaining.

Another transfer, running back A.B. Brown, should help cure an inconsistent running game. The strong, quick Pitt transfer figures to join senior Mike Timko in the backfield, although the quarterback situation appears unsettled for the second year in a row.

With several proven receivers back, look for the Mountaineers to throw the ball this season. Harvey Smith, John Talley (a converted quarterback), Calvin Phillips and Grantis Bell give Nehlen plenty of depth and experience at the wideout spots.

Nehlen must replace only one starting offensive lineman. Junior tackle Brian Smider rates highest among the returnees. Depth in this area is another big plus for West Virginia.

At **Boston College**, juniors Mark Kamphaus and Mike Power will try to fill some big shoes—those of quarterback Shawn Halloran. But less will be expected of them than was expected of Halloran, the unfortunate successor of 1984 Heisman winner Doug Flutie.

The growing pains nearly sacked Halloran, who was booed onto the bench with a 4-9 record in the first 13 games A.D. (After Doug) but eventually earned the respect of Eagles fans. After both Kamphaus and Power were injured last season, Halloran was resurrected to lead the Eagles to eight consecutive victories, in-



Darren Flutie, brother of former Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie, is Boston College's top pass-catching threat.

cluding a Hall of Fame Bowl win over Georgia.

Now the spotlight returns to Kamphaus and Power, although "the pressure is not on them like it was on Shawn," Eagles Coach Jack Bicknell said.

The best receiver on the team has a familiar name—Darren Flutie, brother of Doug. The senior caught 35 passes for 531 yards last fall.

"Maybe it's because of his name, but he has never gotten the recognition," Bicknell said. "And he is a great football player."

Senior Peter Caspariello is a standout at tight end. The Eagles also have a strong line, despite the loss of second-team All-America guard Steve Trapilo. Guard Joe Wolf and tackle David Widell are the headliners up front.

The Eagles' running attack will suffer without Troy Stradford, the school's career rushing and scoring leader. Senior Jim Bell will try to fill in at tailback.

Inside linebacker Bill Romanowski, who registered 123 tackles a year ago, is the focal point of a talented defensive squad. Bicknell's five-man front also spotlights a pair of All-America candidates at defensive end—Eric Lindstrom and Bill Thompson.

"Nobody in the country has a better outside linebacker than Lindstrom," Bicknell said. "We can't block the kid in practice."

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Who'll Fill Palmer's and Dozier's Shoes?



Temple and Penn State are taking different approaches in an attempt to replace prolific running backs who carried most of the offensive load in 1986.

At Temple, Coach Bruce Arians hopes to get the same numbers by committee that Paul Palmer posted by himself.

At Penn State, Coach Joe Paterno simply is giving Blair Thomas the responsibility of making people forget about D.J. Dozier.

"I can't put into words what Paul Palmer meant to Temple's football program," Arians said of last year's Heisman Trophy runner-up. "We have a group of backs who collectively maybe can do what Paul did."

"We'll spread the ball around a little more. The fullback rarely touched the ball last year. And we'll probably run a little more option."

It will take a lot to equal Palmer's statistics: He led Division I-A in rushing last season with 1,866 yards, and his 2,633 all-purpose yards set an NCAA record. With 4,895 yards rushing in his career, Palmer ranks sixth on the all-time I-A list.

The heir apparents for Palmer's tailback position are junior Todd McNair, last year's second-leading rusher with

253 yards, and sophomore Ventres Stevenson, No. 3 a year ago with 105 yards. The fullbacks who are expected to shoulder more of the offensive load are



Todd McNair



Blair Thomas

Craig Sawyer and Sheldon Morris, a pair of seldom-used seniors who combined for 24 yards rushing in '86.

"There will be less emphasis on the tailback," Arians said. "Maybe we can pick up some of Palmer's yards, but his leadership will be harder to pick up. He gave the team confidence, and that's something you can't measure in yards. He settled them down in the huddle. . . . We'll have to see how the kids adjust to not having Paul Palmer in the huddle."

Penn State will have to adjust to not

having Dozier, the school's all-time No. 2 rusher (behind Curt Warner) with 3,227 yards. Dozier led the Lions a year ago with 811 yards rushing and 26 receptions for 287 yards.

Waiting his turn to join the long line of outstanding tailbacks at Penn State is Thomas, who set a school record by averaging 8.4 yards per carry last year as a sophomore while rushing for 504 yards. Thomas also set a school record with a 92-yard run against Syracuse. He ranked second in I-A in kickoff returns with a 31.9 average, including a 91-yard TD against Pittsburgh.

"There might not be a drop-off with Thomas," Paterno said. "Blair does some things a little better than D.J. He has a little better sheer speed. He's not as big and not as versatile in the open field as Dozier, but he's got a chance to be a real good player."

"He's a pleasure to coach because he works so hard in practice all the time and never says boo. He's got to have a big year for us to be any good. Thomas is going to be a very, very key guy in our offense."

Just like D.J. Dozier was a year ago.

—PHIL AXELROD

AKRON

Coach: Gerry Faust (7-4, 1 year; 37-30-1 overall, 6 years).

1986 Record: 7-4; competed in Ohio Valley Conference in 1986.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Mike Clark, TB; Chris Kelley, TE. **Starters Returning:** **Offense (3):** John Budenberg, T, 6-5/255, Jr.; Milt Kimbrough, SE, 5-11/185, Sr.; Gregg Townsend, G, 6-2/262, Sr. **Defense (7):** Pierce Joiner, NG, 6-0/260, Soph.; Doug Knepp, T, 6-5/245, Sr. (missed spring/wrist); Robert Lyons, DB, 6-3/190, Jr.; Jay Miller, LB, 6-2/240, Sr.; Mike Rahach, LB, 6-1/215, Soph.; Darryl Robinson, LB, 6-3/237, Sr.; Gary Tyler, DB, 5-11/175, Jr.

Key Returnees: Derek Alston, TB, Soph.; Maurice Amey, TB, Sr.; Ed Andrade, WR, Sr.; Bob Dombroski, K, Soph.; Steve Englehart, LB, Soph.; Shawn Fagan, OG, Jr.; Dan Hampton, FB, Sr.; Steve King, OT, Jr.; Andy Kubik, QB, Soph.; James Lover, TB, Soph.; Scott Rindfuss, FB, Soph.; Brian Shertzer, LB, Soph.; Curtis Williams, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Carlos Barron, LB (JC); Steve Brown, QB (JC); Dave Feather, OT (transfer/Wichita State); Steve Gramann, DT (JC); Mike Judge, DT (JC); Tim Marconi, OT (transfer/Temple); Morris McDaniel, WR (JC); Brian Shertz, OG (transfer/Wichita State).

ARMY

Coach: Jim Young (25-20-1, 4 years; 94-52-2 overall, 13 years).

1986 Record: 6-5.

Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Jim Brock, DT; Peel Chronister, DB; Dan Cooney, NG; Lou Dainty, DE; Rob Dickerson, OT; Reggie Fullwood, DB; Clarence Jones, HB; Joe Manausa, C; Bill Sanders, DB; Dave Scheyer, LB; Benny White, SE; Benny Wright, HB.

Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Mark Charette, TE, 6-2/220, Sr.; Tory Crawford, QB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Ken Goodlow, G, 6-2/245, Sr.; John Oleinik, G, 6-3/255, Sr.; Andy Peterson, FB, 5-11/210, Sr.; Bill Schleiden, T, 6-2/250, Sr. **Defense (4):** Chance Conner, DB, 5-10/190, Sr.; Ray Griffiths, LB, 6-0/215, Sr.; Mike Lover, T, 6-4/245, Sr. (missed spring w/knee); Charles Schretzman, E, 6-2/205, Jr. **Key Returnees:** Dave Berdan, DB, Sr.; Chip England, LB, Jr.; Jim Ford, NG, Soph. (RS); Jack Frey, OG, Jr. (RS); Ron Herring, HB, Sr.; Eric Keltner, SE, Sr.; Bill Kim, HB, Sr.; Tom Mathers, DT, Sr.; Yale Pebbles, S, Soph.; Craig Raymond, C, Sr.; Chuck Williams, CB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Josh Haines, DT (JV/switched from TE); Mike O'Toole, LB (JV/switched from RB).

BOSTON COLLEGE

Coach: Jack Bicknell (45-25-1, 6 years; 63-60-2 overall, 11 years).

1986 Record: 8-3.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: John Bosa, DT; Mike Degnan, DT; Ted Gaffney, LB; Shawn Halloran, QB; Karl Kreshpane, S; Kelvin Martin, FL; Carl Pellegata, S; Troy Stradford, TB; Steve Trapilo, OG; Darren Twombly, C.

Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Peter Caspariello, TE, 6-3/240, Sr.; Darren Flutie, SE, 5-10/182, Sr.; Jeff Oliver, T, 6-3/274, Sr.; Jim Turner, FB, 5-9/215, Sr.; David Widell, T, 6-6/283, Sr.; Joe Wolf, G, 6-5/275, Sr. **Defense (5):** Eric Lindstrom, E, 6-3/220, Sr.; Gerrick McPhearson, CB, 5-8/167, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder); Vincent Munn, CB, 5-10/190, Sr.; Bill Romanowski, LB, 6-3/227, Sr.; Bill Thompson, E, 6-2/226, Sr.

Key Returnees: Jim Bell, TB, Sr.; Jon Bronner, FB, Sr.; Marcus Cherry, FL, Jr.; Chris Gildea, DT, Jr.; Tracy Giles, TB, Soph. (RS/knee); Peter Gray, DT, Jr.; Mark Kamphaus, QB, Soph.; Matt Kelley, LB, Soph.; Dave Nugent, DT, Sr.; Mike Power, QB, Soph.; Mike Sanders, TB, Soph.; Brian Schoenle, C, Jr.; Tom Waddle, WR, Jr.; Doug Widell, OG, Sr.; Steve Williams, CB, Sr. (missed spring/knee).

Top Newcomers: Mark Chmura, TE; Jim Deines, WR (JC).

CINCINNATI

Coach: Dave Currey (12-21, 3 years; 52-57 overall, 10 years).

1986 Record: 5-6.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Toney Catchings, LB; Rick Childress, OG; Alex Gordon, LB; Jon Sawyer, CB; Jason Stargel, FL; Reggie Taylor, RB.

Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Joe Hice, SE, 6-1/180, Jr.; Daryl Huber, TE, 6-4/230, Jr.; Pat Lavelle, C, 6-4/260, Jr.; Danny McColin, QB, 6-3/195, Sr.; Ervin Owens, G, 6-2/265, Sr.; Scott Tackett, FB, 6-1/205, Jr. **Defense (6):** Chris Asbeck, T, 6-2/255, Jr. (switched from DE); Bob Leshnak, LB, 5-11/231, Sr. (switched from DT); John Lewis, S/CB, 5-11/172, Sr.; Terry Noble, CB, 5-9/155, Sr.; Richard Rhodes, S, 6-2/200, Sr.; Tom Szabados, T, 6-1/230, Sr.

Key Returnees: Leonard Cry, FB, Jr.; Billy Davis, FL, Jr. (switched from QB); Rob Hausfeld, OT, Soph.; Walter Johnson, DE, Jr.; Mike Kelly, LB, Soph.; Al McKinney, RB, Jr.; Roosevelt Mukes, FL, Jr.; Darryl Nash, OT, Soph.; Steve Sanders, SE, Jr.; Andrew Stewart, DE, Jr.; Ron Traut, LB, Soph.; Rob Williams, FB, Sr. (RS/broken leg).

Top Newcomers: Vaughn Booker, LB; Rick Castillo, CB (JC); Troy Dixon, OT; Mark Eilerman, OG (RS); Mark Gunn, DE; Terry Strong, RB; Greg Zawie, OG/OT.

EAST CAROLINA

Coach: Art Baker (4-18, 2 years; 61-66-5 overall, 12 years).

1986 Record: 2-9.

Offense: Run and Shoot. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Robert Alexander, OT; Ken Bourgeois, C; Gary London, S.

Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Ben Billings, TE, 6-2/239, Sr.; Andre Fields, WR, 5-10/180, Sr.; Charlie Libretto, QB, 6-1/200, Soph.; Reggie McKinney, RB, 5-10/191, Jr. (missed spring/back); Jarrod Moody, WR, 5-11/228, Jr.; Anthony Simpson, RB, 5-10/245, Sr.; Walter Wilson, WR, 5-11/185, Soph. **Defense (9):** Ellis Dillahunt, CB/S, 5-11/200, Sr.; Flint McCallum, S, 5-10/192, Jr.; Willie Powell, E, 6-3/224, Jr.; Medrick Rainbow, NG, 5-11/256, Sr.; Vinson Smith, LB, 6-1/221, Sr.; Roswell Streeter, S, 6-1/194, Jr.; Essary Tallafiero, LB, 5-11/209, Sr.; Bubba Waters, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; John Williamson, E, 6-2/230, Sr.

Key Returnees: Jackie Armstrong, WR, Sr.; Shannon Bolling, DE/TE, Jr.; Travis Hunter, QB, Soph.; Tim James, RB, Sr.; Willie Lewis, TB, Soph.; Grant Lowe, OT, Soph.; Billy Michel, OG, Jr. (switched from DE); Joe Molineaux, OT, Jr.; Anthony Thompson, RB/LB, Soph. (RS/academics); Tim Wolter, P, Soph. (RS/medical).

Top Newcomers: Ed Brogden, QB/CB (RS); Al Whiting, WR (RS).

FLORIDA STATE

Coach: Bobby Bowden (90-36-3, 11 years; 163-68-3 overall, 21 years).

1986 Record: 6-4-1.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Losses: Jim Hendley, C; Darrin Holloman, WR; Fred Jones, LB; Gerald Nichols, DT.

Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Pat Carter, TE, 6-4/251, Sr.; Herb Gainer, WR, 6-2/194, Sr.; Joey Ionata, T, 6-3/245, Jr.; Jason Kuipers, G, 6-2/252, Jr.; Danny McManus, QB, 6-1/191, Sr.; Mark Salva, C, 6-1/244, Sr. (switched from OG); Sammie Smith, TB, 6-2/219, Soph.; Pat Tomberlin, T, 6-4/300, Jr. **Defense (9):** Steve Gabbard, T, 6-4/265, Jr.; Thomas Harg, NG, 6-1/287, Sr.; Felton Hayes, E, 6-1/217, Jr.; Paul McGowan, LB, 6-1/226, Sr.; Greg Newell, S, 5-11/195, Sr.; Deion Sanders, CB, 6-0/180, Jr.; Stan Shiver, S, 6-2/197, Jr.; Terry Warren, E, 6-2/226, Sr.; Eric Williams, CB, 5-10/178, Sr.

Key Returnees: Dedrick Dodge, S, Soph.; John Eaford, LB, Jr.; Chip Ferguson, QB, Jr.; Victor Floyd, TB, Jr.; Ken Grant, DE, Soph.; Ronnie Lewis, FL, Soph.; Martin Mayhew, CB, Sr.; Tom O'Malley, TE, Jr.; David Palmer, LB, Sr. (switched from FB); Keith Ross, RB/KR, Jr.; Tracy Sanders, CB, Jr.; Derek Schmidt, K, Sr.; Shelton Thompson, DE, Soph.

Top Newcomers: LeRoy Butler, S; Felton Cook, WR; Rick Tuten, P (transfer/Miami).

LOUISVILLE

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger (5-17, 2 years; 46-33 overall, 7 years).

1986 Record: 3-8.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Bruce Armstrong, OG; Matt Battaglia, LB; Mike Minogue, DE; Ed Rubbert, QB; Danny Thomas, TE; Eric Vaughn, WR.

Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Deon Booker, RB, 5-9/193, Jr.; Harry George, G, 5-11/245, Soph.; Rodney Knighton, RB, 5-11/207, Jr.; Mike Mauzy, T, 6-3/267, Soph.; Jeff Smith, C, 6-1/253, Jr.; Keith Stephens, RB, 5-7/181, Soph. **Defense (6):** Calvert Cole, S, 5-11/174, Sr.; Antonio Davis, S, 5-10/190, Jr.; Kevin Harvey, T, 6-4/259, Sr.; Chris Sellars, LB, 5-11/212, Jr.; Chris Thieneman, T, 6-4/258, Sr.; Anthony Wiggins, CB, 5-9/185, Jr.

Key Returnees: Allen Douglas, C, Soph.; Jay Gruden, QB, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Joey Hamilton, WR, Jr.; Andrew Higgs, NG, Jr.; Kirk Kennedy, P, Sr.; Ron Madrick, LB, Soph.; Tim Maxwell, RB, Soph.; David Miller, QB, Sr.; Keith Stephens, RB, Soph.; Craig Swabek, RB, Soph.; George Williams, TE, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Brian Browning, QB; Colburn Clark, NG (RS); Joey Crenshaw, QB; Anthony Cummings, WR; Mike Flores, TE (RS); Chris Glasper, DT (RS); Erik Lawton, QB (JC); Ed Reynolds, DE (RS); Mike Sander, DE/LB (RS); Erik Watts, QB.

MEMPHIS STATE

Coach: Charlie Bailey (1-10, 1 year).

1986 Record: 1-10.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Harold Beane, DE; Dennis Borcky, DE; David Brandon, LB; Octavian Sharp, LB.

Starters Returning: **Offense (11):** Reid Bennett, G, 6-4/265, Jr.; Tim Borcky, T, 6-9/300, Sr.; Scott Dill, G, 6-5/272, Sr.; Ted Gatewood, C, 6-3/255, Sr.; Keith Jeffries, TE, 6-3/240, Soph.; Tim Jones, QB, 6-0/175, Soph.; Wayne Pryor, FB, 5-10/215, Soph.; Sammy Seals, WR, 5-8/170, Jr.; Keith Shirley, T, 6-3/265, Jr.; Gerald White, RB, 5-10/195, Soph.; James White, RB, 5-11/211, Soph. **Defense (6):** Jerry Craine, CB, 5-10/185, Soph.; Reggie Dubose, S, 6-2/200, Soph.; Tony Epps, NG, 6-1/245, Soph.; Mike Nettles, CB, 5-10/190, Jr.; Ron Palmer, S, 6-2/195, Sr.; Damon Young, LB, 6-1/215, Jr.

Key Returnees: Tyrone Betters, LB, Jr.; Marlon Brown, LB, Sr. (RS/knee; missed spring); Bevin Carpenter, LB, Sr. (missed spring/knee); James Cribbs, DE, Jr. (RS/knee); Bill Moody, FB, Jr.; Greg Ross, DE, Jr.; Elgin Perkins, WR, Soph. (switched from RB).

Top Newcomers: William Arnold, WR; Randall Cooper, DB (transfer/Wichita State); Van Drayton, WR; Tommy Ferrari, QB; Tony Manning, NG (transfer/Wichita State); Rob Phenicie, TE (JC); Jon Tabler, LB (JC).

MIAMI (FLA.)

Coach: Jimmy Johnson (29-8, 3 years; 59-33-2 overall, 8 years).

1986 Record: 11-0.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Dave Alekna, OG; Jerome Brown, DT; Alonzo Highsmith, FB; Winston Moss, LB; Paul O'Connor, OG; Gregg Rakoczy, C; Vinny Testaverde, QB.

Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Melvin Bratton, FB/HB, 6-1/217, Sr.; Charles Henry, TE, 6-4/218, Sr.; Michael Irvin, WR, 6-2/200, Jr.; Brett Perriman, WR, 5-9/180, Sr.; Scott Provin, T, 6-5/247, Sr. **Defense (9):** Tolbert Bain, CB, 6-2/191, Sr.; Bennie Blades, S, 6-0/207, Sr.; Selwyn Brown, S, 5-11/200, Sr.; Rod Carter, LB, 6-1/217, Jr.; Don Ellis, CB, 5-11/175, Jr.; Bill Hawkins, E, 6-6/245, Jr.; George Mira Jr., LB, 6-0/220, Sr.; Dan Sileo, T, 6-2/288, Sr.; Daniel Stubbs, E, 6-4/241, Sr.

Key Returnees: Brian Blades, WR, Sr.; Darrell Fullington, S, Sr.; Cleveland Gary, RB, Jr.; Fred Highsmith, FB, Jr. (switched from LB); Derwin Jones, DT, Sr.; Bubba McDowell, CB, Jr.; Matt Patchan, OT, Sr.; Alfredo Roberts, TE, Sr.; Randy Shannon, LB, Jr.; Bill Turkowski, QB, Soph.; Steve Walsh, QB, Soph.; Warren Williams, HB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Craig Erickson, QB; Kevin Harris, LB (RS); Greg Jones, QB (RS); Mike Sullivan, C (RS).

Temple Coach Bruce Arians already is preparing for life without consensus All-America running back Paul Palmer, the runner-up in the Heisman voting last season and Division I's leading rusher with 1,866 yards.

"Paul Palmer was the best running back in college in 1986," Arians said. "Things are going to be different without him, but we do have a good group of backs who maybe collectively can do what Paul did. We'll spread the ball around more."

The Owls are counting on tailbacks Todd McNair and Ventres Stevenson to shoulder much of the rushing burden. The fullback position also figures to be more prominent in the offense this year, and the leading candidates there are Craig Sawyer and Sheldon Morris.

The new quarterback will be James Thompson, a seldom-used senior who completed just one pass last season. He figures to have lots of inviting targets, though, including wide receiver Keith Gloster, who caught 23 passes for 568 yards last fall. Tight end Michael Hinnant is a 6-foot-4, 245-pound powerhouse with speed and good hands.

"We're going to throw 25 to 30 times a game," Arians said. "We may have to pass to set up the run."

Massive senior tackles Carl Holmes and Kevin Jones anchor the offensive line, while the headliners on defense include end Andy Pappalardo, tackles Rodney Walker and Mike Swanson and safety Eddie Parker. The only major rebuilding job for Arians defensively is in the secondary, where Parker is the only returning starter.

They may be trying to forget Flutie at Boston College and Palmer at Temple, but the name to remember at **Army** is Tory Crawford.

Cadet fans will hear this quarterback's name a lot this year. Whatever offensive success the Cadets have will depend in large part on Crawford because he and senior fullback Andy Peterson are all that remains of Army's grind-it-out wishbone backfield.

"He'll probably be a marked man in certain respects," Coach Jim Young said. "The games he did well in, we won. The games he was stopped, we lost."

Crawford averaged 97.8 yards rushing per game last year to lead the nation's quarterbacks and also completed 48 of 98 passes for 816 yards. Peterson picked up 623 yards rushing. But between Crawford and Peterson is a large gap left by departing halfbacks Clarence Jones and Benny Wright, who combined for 1,284 yards rushing last fall.

The inexperience at halfback could force Crawford to pass more, especially in the direction of tight end Mark Charette. Crawford should have at least adequate protection behind an offensive line that features guards Ken Goodlow and John Oleinik and tackle Bill Schleiden.

The defense returns only four starters, but one of them is linebacker Ray Griffiths, who led the Cadets with 104 tackles last fall. Chance Conner is the only re-



Veteran Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson has a dangerous arm and can put points on the board from anywhere on the field.

turning starter in the secondary.

"Our defense has to improve," Young said. "We gave up too many points, too much yardage last year, and we didn't get enough turnovers."

The prevailing attitude at **Cincinnati** is that close is not good enough. Coming off back-to-back 5-6 seasons, the Bearcats' mission this year is to achieve their first winning season since 1982.

"We're right there," Coach Dave Currey said. "We need to get over the hump."

Said quarterback Danny McCain: "We've always had breakdowns that cause us to not have a winning season. We need to be more consistent."

To wit: The Bearcats beat two bowl-bound teams (Virginia Tech and Miami of Ohio) but lost to Rutgers and East Carolina, two teams headed nowhere. They nearly beat Penn State on the road.

"Penn State was one game where we showed what we could do," McCain said. "But there were other games when we didn't look near as good. If we could play like that every week, it would be a little different."

McCain, who last year completed 237 of 369 passes for 2,831 yards, is one of the nation's best quarterbacks. But Cincinnati's other major offensive threat, three-

time 1,000-yard rusher Reggie Taylor, has completed his eligibility.

Cincinnati does return other weapons at the skill positions. Split end Joe Hice caught 44 passes for 584 yards last fall and flanker Roosevelt Mukes had 25 catches. Running back Al McKinney finished second to Taylor in rushing with 296 yards.

Graduation also has taken its toll on defense, where the Bearcats must do without linebackers Alex Gordon and Toney Catchings. "We're going to have to reload," Currey said. "Some players will be impossible to replace."

Currey will rebuild around senior safety John Lewis.

Talk about your tough acts to follow. Coach Frank Beamer is stepping into a **Virginia Tech** program that has enjoyed seven consecutive winning seasons, including an 8-2-1 mark in 1986 that was capped by a Peach Bowl victory over North Carolina State.

If nothing else, Beamer, who came from Murray State to replace Bill Dooley, should know his way around. Beamer is the first Virginia Tech alumnus to head the Hokies' football program in 42 years.

But Beamer has his work cut out for him. The Hokies lost most of their starters on both the offensive and defensive lines, their leading receiver and their top two tailbacks from 1986.

Offensive guard Kevin Keffe is a good one, but he's the only returning line starter on either side of the ball. Beamer will give several youngsters a chance to strut their stuff.

But fear not, Hokie fans. Quarterback Erik Chapman, who threw for 1,627 yards last season, is back, and so are three of his favorite targets, including standout tight end Steve Johnson and flanker David Everett. Three experienced fullbacks also return, although the tailback position is wide open.

All-America placekicker Chris Kinzer once again should win some games for the Hokies. He was good on 22 of 27 field-goal tries last fall and provided the margin of victory in six games.

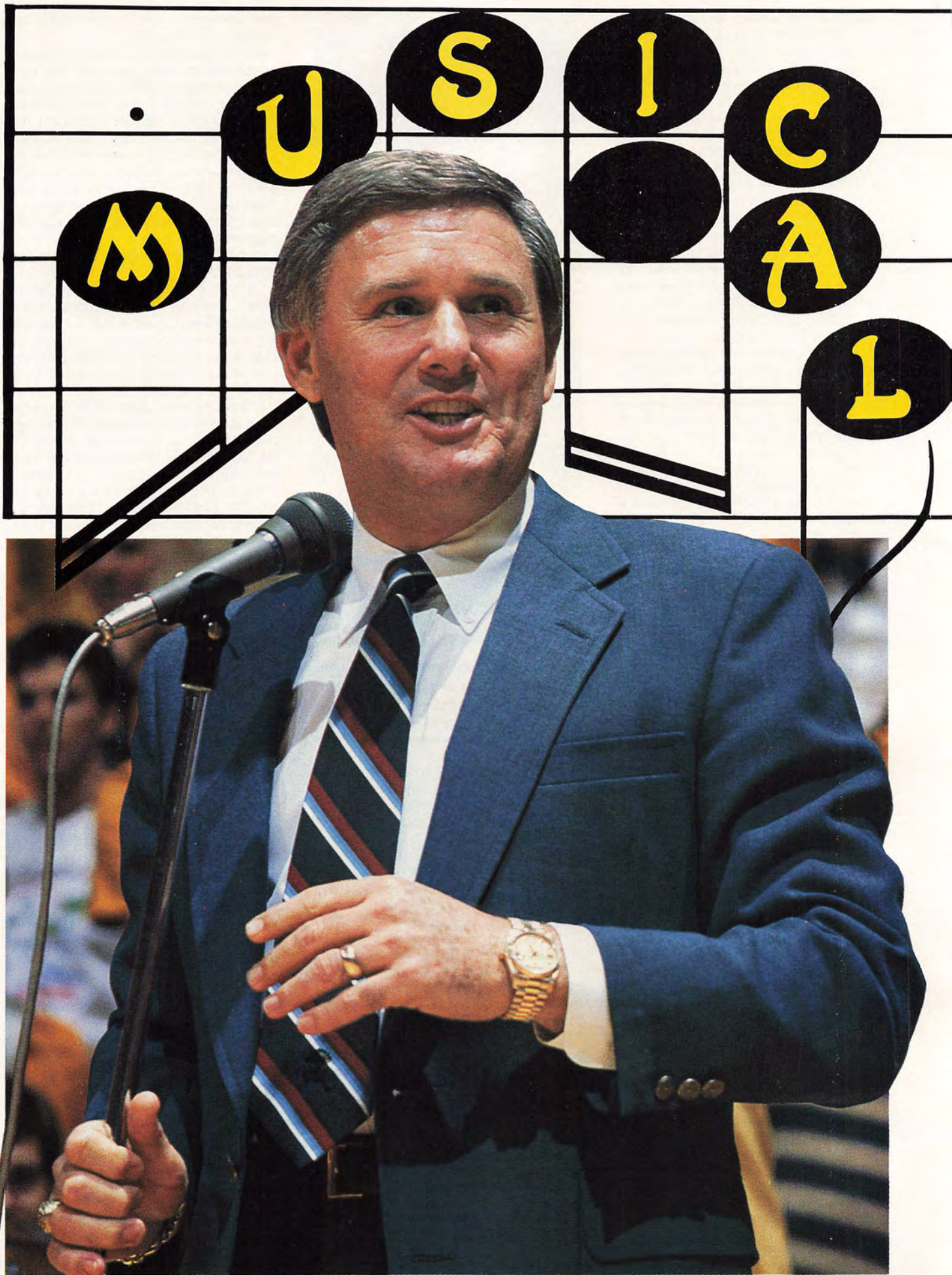
Defensively, Beamer will install a wide-tackle-six formation in which there is no noseguard. He will be counting on linebacker Jamel Agemy and safety Carter Wiley to provide leadership in the new scheme.

"We have players with strong character who have a tremendous desire to win again," Beamer said. "That's cause for optimism."

Virginia Tech is just one of several tough teams opposing **Tulane** this fall. The Green Wave schedule includes Florida State, four Southeastern Conference teams and Iowa State of the Big Eight Conference. But Coach Mack Brown said he finally has enough live bodies, albeit some inexperienced ones, to get the job done.

"For the first time we have some quality young people," said Brown, whose team improved from 1-10 in 1985 to 4-7 last season. "We have to give them the confi-

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Big Off-Season Turnover Involves Big Names, Big Surprises at Big Schools

By TOM WHEATLEY

They've been playing musical coaches again, as usual, in college football.

The difference this year is that a near-record percentage of coaches opted for new chairs or had to face the music as their old ones were yanked out from under them.

In all, 25 of 104 colleges in Division I-A have new football leaders, a 24 percent turnover. That's the second-highest rate since 1947, when the NCAA first started keeping score of coaching changes. The record of 28.6 percent came in 1973, five years before Division I was sliced into I-A and I-AA.

Coaches have long accepted that their profession is unstable. But until two years ago, the rate of turnover for Division I had been in a 12-year drop. After the 1984 season, 11.4 percent of major colleges changed head coaches, the fourth-lowest turnover rate ever. The number leaped to 21 percent a year later, however, before inching higher this year.

So it has been an eventful off-season for the clipboard set. The changes involved big names, big schools, big surprises, big ironies and big contrasts.

Fred Akers has moved from Texas to Purdue where, he hopes, he will be more appreciated.

At the top of the list are three of the most tradition-steeped football schools in the country—Alabama, Southern California and Texas. Since 1961, they have combined for 14 national titles in one or both of the national wire-service polls—six by Alabama, five by USC and three by Texas.

These schools do not hire coaches lightly, or often. Before the current openings were filled, Texas had had two coaches in 30 seasons, Alabama two in 29 and USC three in 27.

One departing coach, Ray Perkins of Alabama, was too successful. He was unexpectedly siphoned off by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the National Football League.

Another, USC's Ted Tollner, was not successful enough. He was fired, as expected.

The third coach, Fred Akers of Texas, was wildly successful by most standards. His Longhorn teams averaged 8.6 victories per season in his 10-year tenure, went to nine bowl games and had four Top 10 finishes. But when Akers went 5-6 last year, his first losing campaign at Texas, he was canned and quickly snatched up by Purdue.

Texas quickly filled its vacancy by hiring David McWilliams, an alumnus who had spent 16 years as a Longhorn assistant before spending last year as head coach at Texas Tech.

While Texas went for a native son, Alabama and Southern Cal broke concrete-like tradition by going outside their foot-

ball families.

Before Bill Curry was hired at Alabama, the Crimson Tide had gone 56 years since last hiring a head coach with no ties to the program (Notre Dame product Frank Thomas). Curry's appointment brought a death threat to Alabama President Joab Thomas and knee-jerk howls from such 'Bama alumni as Lee Roy Jordan.

Curry has since made a good impression, mending fences with Jordan to the point where the former pro linebacker was joining Curry on recruiting forays.

At USC, Larry Smith is the first Trojan outsider since Howard Jones, a former Yale star, was hired in 1925. Smith arrived from conference rival Arizona to replace Tollner, a former USC assistant.

Meanwhile, this off-season featured other odds and ends and oddities:

- One school, Texas Tech, said an unwritten Southwest Conference rule was broken when McWilliams defected to a conference rival, Texas.

- One coach, Bill Dooley, said a written contract was broken by his school, Virginia Tech, when he was fired as athletic director and coach. Virginia Tech said Dooley had been fired only as athletic director, not coach. After Dooley sued the school for breach of contract, the parties settled privately out of court. Dooley now is head coach at Wake Forest.

- Two coaches quit to become athletic

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directors. Bill Arnsperger left Louisiana State for Florida, while Steve Sloan went from Duke to Alabama, his alma mater. One athletic director, Wyoming's Paul Roach, went the other way and will double as a head coach for the first time.

• At California, former NFL great Joe Kapp was fired. At Houston, former NFL great Jack Pardee was hired.

Kapp had never coached anywhere before going to Cal, his alma mater. Pardee's college coaching experience was limited to one year as a Texas A&M assistant in 1965. But Pardee completed a rare triple crown in the pros as a head coach in three leagues—the World Football League (Florida), the NFL (Chicago, Washington) and the United States Football League (Houston).

• In a collector's item of a move, Steve Spurrier moved from the defunct USFL to Duke. In so doing, Spurrier became just the second Heisman Trophy winner to become a major-college head coach. John David Crow, the 1957 Heisman winner from Texas A&M, was the Northeast Louisiana coach from 1976-80. Frank Sinkwich, who won the Heisman at Georgia in '42, coached in 1950-51 at the University of Tampa, but the school did not play a major-college schedule.

• In the year's biggest scandal, Southern Methodist coach Bobby Collins resigned under fire. The SMU program later drew the NCAA death penalty—a major cutback in scheduling, scholarships, TV appearances and bowl games. Collins' job has not been filled, and the SMU program is still in disarray.

• The most surprising chain reaction was the Alabama-Georgia Tech-Maryland triple play.

Perkins shocked Alabama, his alma mater, by leaping to the Bucs for big bucks. Curry shocked Georgia Tech, his alma mater, by leaping to 'Bama. Ross' abandonment of Maryland was less of a shock because his frustration there had been well publicized. But he surprised the NFL's Buffalo Bills, where he was ready to sign a contract as an assistant, by suddenly leaping to Georgia Tech.

Joe Krivak, however, surprised nobody by agreeing to a promotion at Maryland. He had served two tours as a Maryland assistant, sandwiched around a tour as a Navy assistant. Through the switches, Krivak stayed in the same home in Maryland, merely aiming his car at either College Park or Annapolis, as needed.

Whether they were promoted or demoted, hired from the inside out or the outside in, welcomed or lampooned, all the coaches in the class of '87 have one thing in common: a mission to win.

"They called me a Yankee when I first got here," said Mike Archer, a native of State College, Pa., who was promoted from defensive coordinator to head coach at LSU last December. "My comment was, whether it's a Yankee or an Iranian, they don't care who you are—as long as



New Alabama Coach Bill Curry has won over skeptical boosters with his warm, engaging style.

you win."

Here is a closer look at some of the major coaching changes:

Texas

There aren't many coaches who can top Akers' 10-year mark of 86-31-2 at Texas. In his first seven years, the Longhorns went 66-17-1, including a perfect regular season in 1983 that was tainted only by a one-point loss to Georgia in the Cotton Bowl.

In the last three seasons, however, the Longhorns were 20-14-1, including 5-6 last season. For the first time under Akers, Texas had a losing campaign and failed to get a bowl bid.

But Akers also was out of favor politically with Texas boosters. He had been hired without input from his predecessor, Darrell Royal, then the school's athletic director. And Akers' personality was not out of the Royal good-ol'-boy mold, which didn't help.

McWilliams, brought home after leading Texas Tech to a 7-4 record and its first bowl game (Independence) since 1977, has both Royal's support and outgoing nature. But that is not to assume that McWilliams was down the road waiting for his chance to replace Akers. They were and are good friends.

"Fred and I went back a long way, to when I was coaching at Abilene High School and he was at Lubbock High School," McWilliams said. "When I came to Texas in 1970, he was already here. Then when he went to Wyoming (as head coach in 1975), he asked me to go with him. I decided to stay here.

"I count myself as one of his friends, and our family is good friends with his. I always got along with him. He was very

good to me. I felt very comfortable with him."

After Akers was fired, he continued to make McWilliams comfortable.

"He had made a statement in the paper that he would hope I'd get the job," McWilliams said. "When I got hired, he called to congratulate me. Then I saw him down here on two or three different occasions, like when he was cleaning out his office. We talked then, but we really didn't talk about the job."

Akers said he has no hard feelings toward McWilliams.

"He's a good friend of mine," Akers said, "and he's a good football coach. I was disappointed in the University of Texas, but not in David McWilliams."

McWilliams' return has been received well in Austin, to say the least.

"The one person in America that the University of Texas had to have to heal the wounds and bring the program back was David McWilliams," said Bill Little, the school's sports information director. "It was like old home week having McWilliams back. It has united Texas."

And further divided the Southwest Conference. Texas Tech claimed that Texas broke an unwritten rule by hiring a league rival's head coach.

"I think it became an unwritten rule after I left," McWilliams said wryly. "I knew it would be an unpopular decision when I made it. I went out there and bought a house when I went to Texas Tech. I was completely dedicated to staying there."

"But there was no way I could turn down an opportunity for myself like this. My part of the contract at Texas Tech was that I could leave at the end of any season. Had it not been written that way, I would have stayed there."

"But the contract also said they could reassign me at the end of any season, and not at the head coach's salary—even though there was a five-year contract."

McWilliams had recruited players at both schools.

"There were tugs and pulls on both sides, regardless," McWilliams said. "For most of my life, I had been committed to the University of Texas. It was a decision from my heart to go back, not for finances and not for Austin. But I knew it would be unpopular no matter where I went."

The NCAA, meanwhile, has been scrutinizing the Texas program during the Akers regime.

"I knew the program was investigated and investigated thoroughly starting from 1978 or so," Akers said. "Those few things they're talking about are trivial. You have to be pleased that after that extensive a study, that's all they're talking about."

Purdue

Akers landed at Purdue after Leon Burnett resigned under pressure following the Boilermakers' 3-8 season, their fourth losing effort in his five years.

Akers quickly ran head-on into misconceptions, such as how his philosophy was at odds with Purdue's quarterback tradition. At Akers' debut press conference, he was asked if he would be installing the

wishbone offense.

Word must travel slowly, he said, because his teams have never run the wishbone. In fact, Texas passed 43 percent of the time last year.

But then gifted quarterback Jeff George transferred to Miami (Fla.) after a rough freshman year. That defection hardly eased concerns about Akers' intentions.

"His decision to leave was made before I got here," Akers said. "We tried to talk him out of it. Really, I never had him. We're going to throw the football here. People will learn that."

"One of our goals is to improve the running game because that had consequences for the passing game. But our passing game will be the Number 1 way to move the football."

"You have to work on a school's tradition and build on that tradition. Our changes in our program will be more noticed on defense than on offense."

Alabama

Akers' demise at Texas was not unexpected. Perkins' move to Tampa Bay, however, caught Alabama loyalists off-guard. So did Thomas' decision to bring in Curry, an outsider to the program.

The backlash was loud and sharp among such Alabama loyalists as Jordan, who had played under Bear Bryant.

There was some speculation in Tuscaloosa that the death threat received by Thomas was a prank by Auburn backers. But it was taken seriously and pursued seriously, though the source never was identified.

The dust has settled considerably now that Curry has had a chance to mingle in person with 'Bama backers. Perkins was cold and aloof. Curry is warm and engaging. Crimson Tide boosters are blushing with satisfaction at having a coach who smiles, calls them by name and actually seems glad to be among them.

Part of the resentment toward Curry was the impression that he was coming in to fix a program that had misplaced priorities, academic and otherwise. In fact, it was Perkins who transformed "the playhouse" recreation room at Bryant Hall, the athletic dorm, into a study area. Curry has gone out of his way to downplay his white knight image, although he is proud of his standards.

"Somebody thought that maybe we thought we needed to import something into the program here," Curry said. "The progress was already here. We were brought in to continue something that has been good for a long time."

It's not often that a coach changes jobs and meets disapproval at both ends. Curry caught heat from behind at Georgia Tech and from up ahead at 'Bama.

"There was some disappointment with the Alabama people, but I understand that," Curry said. "I understand the concern of the guys, the former players, about someone who is not part of the family. I'm sure there still is."

"All of us who have played football have very strong feelings about the traditions we helped perpetuate. You have to

earn a spot in the family. That's what we did at Tech. The Tech people were incredibly patient and understanding while we were there.

"I thought I'd be there the rest of my life. What I've gotten from most of my friends was that they appreciated what had been done. They understood it was a career move."

"There were some that were offended, and I appreciate that. But it seemed clear to me that this was what I was supposed to do next with my life. This is a different kind of environment—to do well now."

"Even though this is a different kind of arena, the mission is the same. Win conference championships. Win national championships. And graduate every player. Off our '85 team at Tech, every player will graduate. Some of them still haven't. It'll take awhile. But on that '86 Alabama team, there's a chance every one of them will graduate. That's a tribute to Ray Perkins."

Curry left Bart Starr's staff on the Green Bay Packers to overhaul the Yellow Jacket program. Like Perkins at Alabama, Curry was expected to stay at his alma mater for a long time.

"We had a written contract," Curry said, adding that he had a "sort of tacit agreement" with Georgia Tech athletic director Homer Rice. "There would be certain situations that I would be free to examine."

He said he never expected to hear from a program like Alabama's.

"I knew what the school stood for," Curry said. "I knew it was in accord with my life's objectives—making winners of young people on and off the field. You can win and your players can get an education. There are too many programs that are doing it to deny it."

He does not deny that he made a commitment to Georgia Tech.

"But the things that come along in life, maybe you plan for them and work for them," he said. "And other times, they just come along. And when it's right, you just know it."

Larry Smith has moved from conference-rival Arizona to help Southern Cal get back on the winning track.

Georgia Tech

Ross is sensitive to the image he carries as a job jumper after quitting Maryland, agreeing to join the Buffalo Bills as an assistant and then quickly changing directions for Georgia Tech.

He was anxious for a chance to explain.

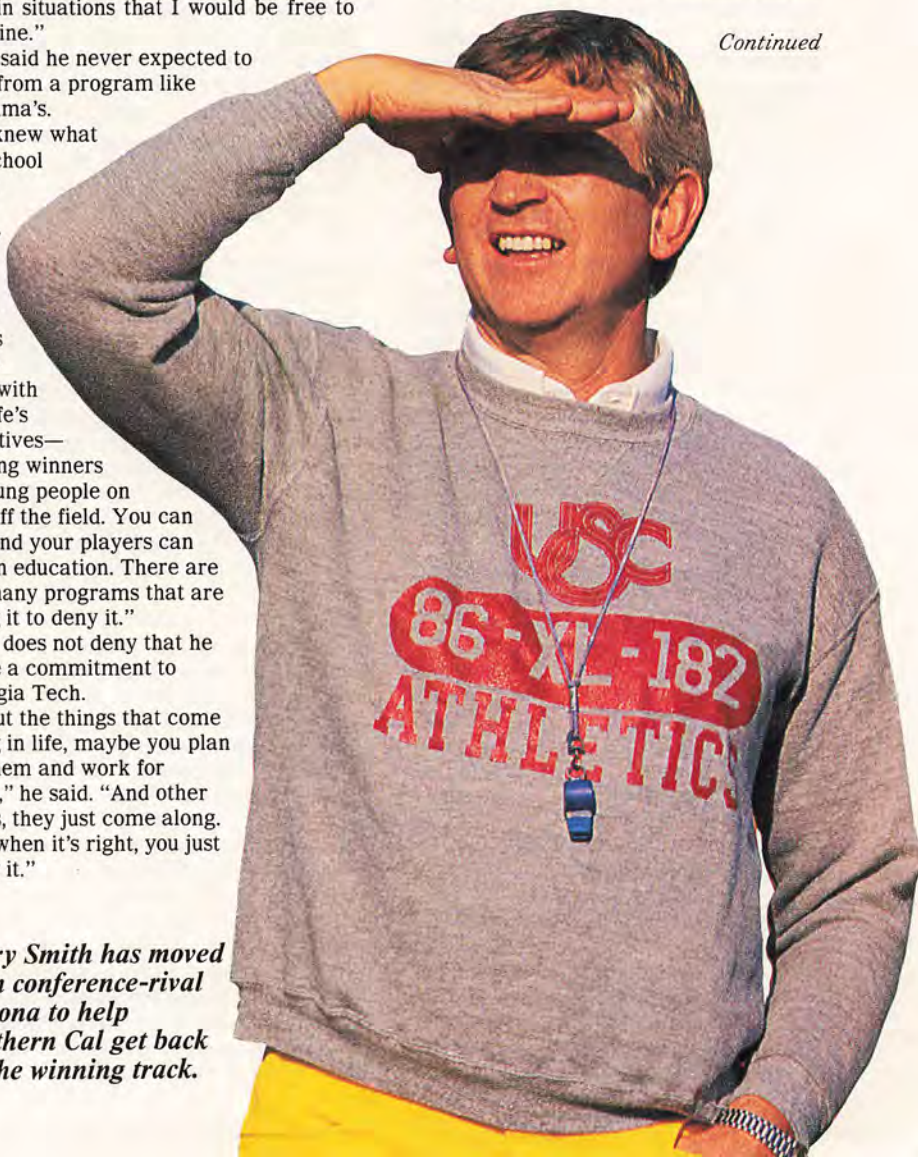
His dissatisfaction at Maryland was due largely to the administration's failure to separate the football program from the horror stories coming from the basketball program after the drug-induced death of Len Bias.

Football season was in progress as the school conducted its in-house investigation into "the athletic department," an umbrella term that enraged Ross. He felt it tainted his program unfairly. Maryland never absolved the football program of wrongdoing until the season was almost over.

"Finally, they did come out with a small statement the open week before the Virginia game (the Terrapins' season finale)," said Ross, who thought it was much too little and much too late. "Our program was coming out clean as a whistle. That's documented in court records and documented by the (university's) task force. But it was not coming out in the university's statements. The football program was not being defended."

"There had been no basketball players

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Bobby Ross, a success story at Maryland, now takes on the task of returning Georgia Tech to the top echelon of college football.

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around for the media to talk to, so who did they come to for comments? The football players. Our players, God rest 'em, were starting to feel the pressure. I had five or six people come to me and say they couldn't take it anymore."

Neither could Ross, once Dick Dull quit as athletic director. Ross exited through a contract loophole that said he could leave if Dull did.

"I just did not know what direction the program would take," Ross said last spring. "There was no A.D., and there still isn't. That's what I mean by no direction. I'd still be there if Dick Dull was there. Or Homer Rice, somebody like that."

Ross had worked on Marv Levy's staff on the Kansas City Chiefs before going to Maryland. Shortly after leaving Maryland, Ross agreed to rejoin Levy in Buffalo, where Levy had been named head coach last fall.

"I did go and visit California and Purdue University," Ross said. "And I spoke with Virginia Tech and Arizona. But I withdrew my name in each instance."

Then the Perkins-Curry chain reaction hit, and Homer Rice called Ross to discuss the Georgia Tech job. At the time, Ross was reviewing the Bills' contract but had yet to sign. He was preparing to fly to Buffalo to finalize the contract, which would have released him only for a head coaching job in the pros. But after Rice contacted him, Ross called Levy to talk about the Yellow Jackets' interest in him.

"I want everybody to know that I did get permission," Ross said. "If Marv had said, 'Look, we're ready to go to work; get on a plane and get up here,' I would have said 'OK.'"

Levy did say that he would not hold the job for Ross, who had not officially been

offered the Georgia Tech job.

"It was my gamble," Ross said. "I knew it would cause some outburst and some outcry."

He was right about that. But he liked the idea of a solid academic institution like Georgia Tech, staying within the Atlantic Coast Conference, working with Rice and moving his family to the South.

"I've been judged (harshly) by a lot of people, and a lot of good people," he said. "Good friends. At least I thought they were friends."

Maryland

The bitterness of some Maryland backers over Ross' departure helps explain the warm welcome given his successor, Krivak. At his first press conference, Krivak said all the right things.

"I'd like to see the facilities improved," he said, referring to one of Ross' pet peeves. "However, I have never seen a practice field or a stadium score a touchdown or catch a pass."

Krivak added: "I'm not going anywhere. I'm either going to be fired or retire from this job. You can take that to the bank."

LSU

In Baton Rouge, Archer inherits a situation that has to be calmer than last season, when Arnsperger feuded openly with athletic director Bob Brodhead—a former Miami Dolphins colleague who had hired him—and with Dale Brown, the Fighting Tigers' colorful basketball coach.

Brodhead, who refused to take sides, was the only casualty of that feud. He was replaced by Joe Dean, an LSU graduate with a terrific business background.

Arnsperger is gone, too, but by his own choice. As practice began last summer, Arnsperger left for two or three days to interview at Florida for the athletic director job. When he returned, he said no deal had been struck, but Florida curiously put its job search on hold. After the season,

Arnsperger took the Florida job and Archer was promoted.

"I've prepared for this the last 12 years," said Archer, 34, the youngest head coach in Division I-A. "There's a lot of pressure on us. We're going to be ranked in the Top 20. People say, 'Wouldn't you rather break in someplace else?' And I say, 'No, I'd rather have a chance to win every Saturday.'"

"There's been a lot of turmoil here, not just in football, but in the overall athletic department. But ... just think what can happen at this institution now. We have our new A.D., solidification and a young coach who hopes he's here for 30 years."

Archer doesn't mind references to his age.

"My children—my son who is 5 and my daughter who is 3—know exactly how old I am," he said, "because they've heard it on TV so many times."

USC

Smith did not get the outsider treatment from Trojan boosters, perhaps because he is made to order for Tailback U.

With much more modest resources at Arizona, Smith's running game led the Pacific-10 Conference in 1986 by averaging 219.3 yards per game. Under Tollner last year, USC averaged 145.5 yards—a good three quarters' work for Marcus Allen.

Smith did not have the luxury of a Heisman-winning tailback such as Allen, Charles White, O.J. Simpson or Mike Garrett. But Arizona's 5-foot-6 David Adams was the No. 2 rusher in the conference.

Trojan boosters also liked the way Smith overhauled the Wildcats' scandal-ridden football program.

"When I came to Arizona in 1980," Smith said, "the grade-point average of the football team was well below 1.5. Sixty-plus football players had to go to summer school to be eligible in the fall. I got up an academic Top 10, and the highest GPA of anybody on the football team was a 2.6. If you had a 2.0, you made the Top 10."

"Within a year, you had to make a 3.0 to make the board. And when I left, five guys made 4.0's (straight A's), and to get on the Top 10 board you needed a 3.2. The overall GPA had risen to just below a 2.4."

USC was not happy with the overall academic performance of Tollner's teams, but it was a lack of victories that got him fired. And Tollner did not go out a loser; he was 26-20-1 in four years, with a Pac-10 Coach of the Year award and a Rose Bowl title in '84. But his next two teams went 6-6 and 7-5 (including bowl games).

"There's a lot more expected here" than in Arizona, Smith said. "People don't expect to be playing for the national championship every year. But they want you to be a contender every year for a conference championship and to be one of the top 10 or 20 teams in the country and to continue the tradition."

Great expectations don't faze Smith.

"This is what athletics is all about," he said. "To be competitive and see what you can do." ■

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Some Talented Stars Shine Anonymously

Their names are not household words. The facilities available and the size of the coaching staffs that teach them technique and impart football knowledge often are less than adequate. The arenas in which they perform are smaller. The fans who watch them on Saturday afternoons usually are less rabid.

There are instances, however, in which the skills and dedication of NCAA Division I-AA's top individuals transcend those of the I-A stars who collect the bulk of publicity and spend much of their collegiate life in the national spotlight.

Year after year, these lesser-known players are there, performing in their own unique style for personal and team satisfaction. Many are obviously less gifted than their I-A brethren; others, though, possess the kind of talent that will earn them a shot at the National Football League.

And their efforts usually don't go unnoticed. In the 1987 NFL draft, 15 Division I-AA players were selected in the first five rounds.

If the skills are there, so are the rewards. And there should be plenty for the newest crop of I-AA stars who will be lighting up football fields in 1987.

Following are profiles of a select group of players who should be getting rave notices throughout the season. Others with equally impressive credentials will be covered in the various conference previews that follow.

First stop, Reno, Nev.



Marty Zendejas
(Nevada-Reno)

By JIM POORE

Marty Zendejas has been asked the question again and again, but he has no idea why members of the Zendejas clan can kick footballs so straight and far.

"We really can't say it runs in our genes," Zendejas said. "It's something that is just unexplainable."

Whatever it is, the Zendejases have it in abundance. Marty Zendejas is the fifth in a line of six Zendejas relatives who have become placekickers for a major univer-



Placekicker Marty Zendejas had a tough act to follow at Nevada-Reno.

sity or in the National Football League.

The others are brother Tony (Nevada-Reno), who now kicks for the Houston Oilers, and cousins Joaquin, a former kicker for the New England Patriots; Luis (Arizona State), a former kicker for the United States Football League's Arizona Outlaws; Max (Arizona), now with the Washington Redskins, and Alan, a sophomore at Arizona State. In addition, cousin

Alex Zendejas probably will enter college this fall after graduating last spring from Don Antonio Lugo High School in Chino, Calif.

The oldest of the clan, Joaquin, went to the University of La Verne, a Division III college near Chino in the Los Angeles area. Then came Tony, who went to Ne-

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Marty Zendejas' brother Tony (below) gets his kicks with the NFL's Houston Oilers while cousin Max (above) kicks for the Washington Redskins.

vada-Reno and became the Big Sky Conference's career scoring leader with 300 points from 1981-83.

Marty followed his brother to Nevada-Reno and picked up where Tony left off. As a freshman in 1984, Marty accounted for 101 points, only five fewer than Tony had accumulated as a senior the year before. Then in 1985 Marty tallied 107 points, making him the most prolific kicker in one season in school history. With 95 more last fall, Marty reached 303 points for his first three years and surpassed his brother as the Big Sky's career scoring champion.

But Marty did not decide to attend Nevada-Reno so that he could break his brother's many records. He went there because Wolf Pack Coach Chris Ault had faith in his ability, which at that time was not yet apparent.

Tony kicked for Chino High School, but the rest of the Zendejas kickers attended Don Antonio Lugo. That meant Marty had to stand in line and await his turn, a situation that gave him little opportunity to strut his stuff.

"I had to wait behind Luis and then behind Max," Marty said. "I finally got to kick one year in high school, and then I didn't get a lot of notoriety."

Translated, that means he kicked only five field goals, hardly enough to make him one of the nation's more coveted high



school players.

Ault didn't care.

"He just went by Tony's word," Marty said. "He didn't even see me. He didn't look at film or anything."

After being redshirted in 1983 (Tony's senior year), Marty let Ault know that his confidence was well-founded. In 27 attempts he kicked 22 field goals, the second-highest total in school history. His most memorable college performance came in the last game of that season when he kicked five field goals—including a game-winning 42-yarder with 37 seconds left to play—to give the Wolf Pack a victory over Idaho State.

"Because I was a freshman, it really helped my confidence for the next couple of years," Zendejas said.

That confidence has been evident in his impressive statistics. He has been successful on 55 of his 69 field-goal attempts in the regular season, including 11 of 11 from inside the 20-yard line and 29 of 32 inside the 30. He has made half of his attempts from 50 or more yards out, including a career-high 54-yarder.

As a junior last fall, Zendejas made 14 of 18 field-goal tries and 53 of 54 extra-point attempts. That performance earned him All-America honors for all divisions from the Football Writers Association of America. He appreciated that recognition but acknowledged that it was a bit odd considering that he was not named to the All-Big Sky first team. That honor went to Northern Arizona placekicker Goran Lingmerth, who converted 23 of 29 field-goal tries.

"Maybe they were making me All-America for my consistency over the three years," Zendejas guessed.

With a wife, Cindy, and a daughter, Melissa, to support, Zendejas would like his consistency and range to carry him to the NFL, where he hopes to enjoy a long career.

"I know I have a hard road ahead of me," he said. "It's getting harder and harder to make it."

But family seminars with relatives who have been through the football grind should help.

"I'm trying to learn from mistakes that Tony and Luis and Max made," Marty said. "They did not really prepare themselves for the pros until the last year in college."

One way in which Marty has prepared for the inevitable adjustment to the NFL, where no kicking tees are allowed on field goals and extra points, is to kick off the ground in practice. In addition, he used a one-inch tee instead of a two-inch tee in games last fall.

Zendejas is hoping that edge will help him beat out other collegians vying for spots on NFL rosters in 1988. "There's an abundance of kickers out there," he admitted.

To remind himself of the competition, all Marty Zendejas must do is show up at a family reunion. ■

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**Darrell
Booker**
(Delaware)

By PHIL CHARDIS

It's ironic that two of the most important decisions in the football career of Darrell Booker were made because of baseball.

The first decision was made because he wanted to play baseball, the second because he didn't.

Those choices, along with a healthy supply of gridiron talent and a sizable dose of hard work, have made Booker an All-America linebacker at Delaware. He now is looking forward to his senior season and perhaps a National Football League career.

"He's one of the very best linebackers we've ever had here," said Coach Tubby Raymond, who first came to Delaware 33 years ago. "Without question, he's pro material."

While Booker's natural football ability probably would have surfaced under any circumstances, it was his love of baseball that almost kept it under wraps.

Booker was a three-sport star at Willingboro (N.J.) High School, earning all-conference, all-county and all-South Jersey honors in football, wrestling and baseball. He also was named the South Jersey Scholar-Athlete and Defensive Player of the Year in football and received all-scholastic honors from the Philadelphia Inquirer.

As a high school senior, Booker decided to accept a football scholarship from Maryland. But after batting .498 in his final baseball season at Willingboro he became reluctant to give up the sport. He indicated to the Terrapins that he wanted to play both football and baseball in college, but they didn't approve of the idea and later refused to let Booker report late to fall football camp when he was involved in a Babe Ruth baseball tournament.

That was enough to make Booker change his mind and opt for Delaware, where the Blue Hens had no qualms with his playing both sports. He was a football redshirt his freshman year but batted .304 as a starting left fielder for the Blue Hens.

Despite missing spring practice, Booker cracked the starting football lineup in 1984. He led the team with 118 tackles and grabbed three interceptions as the Blue Hens posted an 8-3 mark.

Booker opened the next spring again playing for the Delaware baseball team. But a few games into the season he decided he'd had enough double duty. He left the baseball team in time to participate in the final two weeks of spring football



Delaware linebacker Darrell Booker gave up his budding baseball career for the hard-hitting excitement of college football.

drills, then skipped summer baseball to go to school, lift weights and build his 6-foot frame up to 225 pounds.

"We agreed to let him play baseball," Raymond said, "and nothing was said to him after that. But he realized that he wasn't doing enough with the weights; other people were getting ahead of him. He wanted to try and be a better football player."

The extra work paid off in 1985, his sophomore football season, in the form of a school-record 153 tackles (101 unassisted), including a record 23 in an upset victory over Temple. As the defensive stalwart for the 7-4 Blue Hens, Booker earned ECAC defensive player of the week honors twice and was named a second-team All-America in Division I-AA.

Last year, despite missing almost all the preseason with neck and shoulder in-

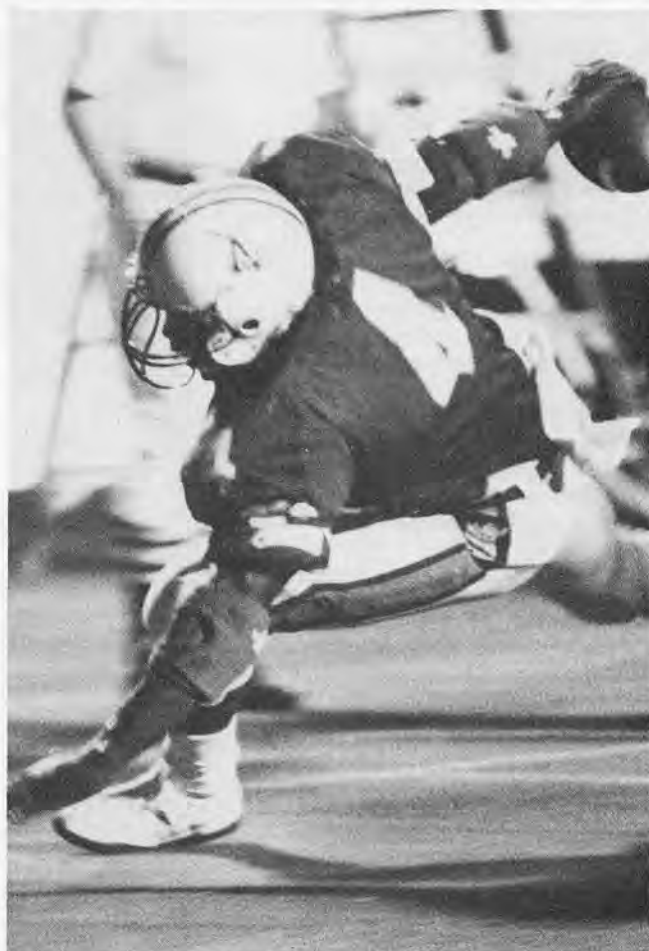
juries, Booker made 144 tackles, leading the team for the third straight season, and upped his career total to a school-record 415. In the Blue Hens' initial season as a member of the Yankee Conference, Booker was an all-league selection as well as a first-team pick on both the Kodak and Associated Press I-AA All-America teams. He helped Delaware to a share of the Yankee title, a 9-4 record and a berth in the I-AA national playoffs.

Heading into his final collegiate season as the odds-on favorite to be the league's Defensive Player of the Year, the only singles, doubles and triples that concern him have to do with pass coverage.

"I took baseball as far as I could take it," Booker said. "I played two years here and it was a good experience, but when I

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The sometimes-acrobatic John Stephens is a dangerous weapon for Northwestern (La.) State.

gave it up, I think it was the right decision."

Had Booker made the same choice two years earlier, he might be an All-America for Maryland, a much more visible football school.

"Sometimes I second-guess myself a little bit about that," he admitted with a shrug, "but overall, I think it's turned out for the best."

Especially from Delaware's point of view.

"He's a Division I-A player, no doubt about it," Raymond said. "We're delighted to have him. He has an undefinable ability to be all there when he hits. He's very strong and very quick. When he hits you, he's a hammer."

Of course, Raymond always sees room for improvement.

"I've got to take more of a leadership role this year," Booker said. "I'm not a rah-rah or emotional-type guy; I like to lead by example. But Coach wants me to be a little more vocal."

"There are also aspects of my game I've got to improve, like pass coverage. There's more to football than just tackling."

But for Booker, there isn't any more to sports than football—at least not these days. And that's bad news for the rest of the Yankee Conference. ■



John Stephens
(N'western St.)

By CARL DUBOIS

Northwestern State has a bit of a recognition problem, and John Stephens is just what the Demons need to help solve that problem this fall.

The university in Natchitoches, La., at various times has been referred to as Northwest Louisiana, Western State, NW Louisiana, NW State and various other mutations. And the school has absolutely no connection to that other Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. Like other small schools that sound like compass readings, Northwestern State must struggle for every bit of recognition it can get in the athletic arena.

Stephens, a 6-foot-1, 215-pound senior running back, is expected to be a hot item in the 1988 National Football League draft. As a result, many more eyes will be focused on Northwestern State this fall. So, even if visitors still can't get the name of the school straight, at least the Demons

will be getting more attention than usual.

"John Stephens is a dangerous athlete," said McNeese State Coach Sonny Jackson, whose Cowboys will visit Northwestern State on September 12 for the Demons' inaugural Southland Conference battle. "He's a franchise back who can carry a team, and as his supporting cast gets better, he just gets more imposing."

Jackson should know. The former Nicholls State coach faced Stephens for three years in the now-defunct Gulf Star Conference, where Stephens earned all-conference honors his sophomore and junior seasons.

When the 1987 season is 637 yards old for Stephens, he will have surpassed Joe Delaney's school career rushing mark of 3,047 yards. Like Delaney, Bobby Hebert, Gary Reasons and Mark Duper, Stephens also is expected to carve out a name for himself in the NFL after whittling in relative obscurity at Northwestern State.

"I've coached some good running backs," said Demons Coach Sam Goodwin, a former Arkansas assistant. "We had Gary Anderson there, who went on to the San Diego Chargers, and Jessie Clark, who started his rookie year with the Green Bay Packers. Anderson had the 4.3 speed and Clark was the brutal, punishing runner."

"But John's a combination of the two.

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He's got 4.4 speed, not quite as good as Gary's, but he's almost as strong as Jessie, who was 4.7 at his best. And like both of them he can catch the football, although I'd say he's a better athlete than the two of them."

Stephens didn't even play running back until his senior year at Springhill (La.) High School. He was an offensive lineman until the team's star runner blew out his knee near the end of spring practice in John's junior year. Out of desperation, Springhill coaches asked Stephens if he would like to switch positions. He did, and as a senior in 1983 he rushed for 1,984 yards and 28 touchdowns.

Stephens also was a state champion in the shot put and the runner-up in the 200-meter dash for Springhill, a perennial power among the smaller high schools in Louisiana.

"I'm not sure what it is about Springhill," Goodwin said, "but in our spring game this year our tailback, fullback, quarterback, center and noseguard were all from there. When they come out of that program, they are quality football players."

Stephens, the most explosive of the Springhill alumni, has nonetheless suffered an identity crisis of his own at Northwestern State. His freshman year, he played fullback. As a sophomore in 1985 he moved to tailback and rushed for 1,001 yards. He alternated between the two spots last season, getting the bulk of his 943 yards at tailback.

So where will number 4 be in season No. 4 at Northwestern State?

"In the spring, he lined up four days at fullback, 16 at tailback," Goodwin said. "We can play him either place, depending on how our other backs do. We've got the best backfield situation since John's been here, with more depth and more talent to complement his abilities."

"Before, people could line up and concentrate on John, especially when we moved Odessa Turner (a wide receiver/safety and fourth-round draft choice of the New York Giants last April) from offense to defense."

"If our other backs come through, John will find more opportunities. It just depends where we need him most as to where he'll line up. He can make the blocks, so I have no hesitation to put him at fullback."

The Demons find many ways to utilize Stephens. In a 9-3 victory over McNeese State last year, he caught a short toss on a fake punt and wound up with an 82-yard touchdown. He rushed for 203 yards in a 31-23 triumph over Gulf Star champion Sam Houston State. And he caught 14 passes for 186 yards, too.

Goodwin said Stephens has quietly provided leadership in the transition from junior to senior status, including a renewed vigor in approaching his studies. Such was not always the case for Stephens, who did not need summer school to remain eligible for the first time in his

career.

"I have a lot of goals for myself this season, but the most important goal is to go out a winner," Stephens said. "We want to improve on last year (5-5-1) and compete for the (Southland) conference title. The winner gets an automatic bid into the (Division I-AA) playoffs, and we'd like to be there."

Playoffs or not, John Stephens' days as a relative unknown are numbered. The NFL is waiting. And when he gets there, maybe a few more people will get the name of his school right. ■



Kevin Dent
(Jackson State)

By PAUL BORDEN

After picking off 10 passes for Jackson State last year, only one sticks out in the mind of Kevin Dent.

"It was against North Carolina Central," said the Tigers' junior free safety, who tied for the Division I-AA lead in interceptions. "I ran one back 92 yards. At the time we were down (9-0), and that fired me and the team up. We came back to win the game (49-37). That's the only one that inspires me."

It's not surprising that Dent would recall that play fondly. And while such a crowd-pleaser pleased W.C. Gorden, too, the Jackson State coach was more impressed with Dent's day-in, day-out contributions over the last two years than any single play.

"More dramatic to me than the interceptions is the double team he is able to give us," Gorden said. "The thing he does is give us two men on the ball on every play. That's the thing that sticks out for me."

"And his consistency, like the 10 interceptions. That's consistency. I know it's dramatic to spectators to see a guy intercept a pass and go 90 yards. But from a coaching standpoint you want to know: 'What does this guy do in game nine? Is he as effective as he was in game two?'"

"Kevin, in the two years he has played for us, has been a very consistent defensive back."

Dent came to Jackson State from nearby Vicksburg, Miss., where he played quarterback in high school as well as defensive back. Though Gorden saw Dent play only a couple of times in high school, he said he was confident that the youngster would become a good player. That's because he knew Dent's father well. Belton Dent had coached high school basketball in Vicksburg when Gorden was a high school coach in that city in the 1960s.

"I knew Kevin was coming from good stock," Gorden said. "I knew he was a good athlete."

Dent himself made the choice of defense over offense upon his arrival at Jackson State.

"I thought my chances of playing were better at defensive back," Dent said.

He moved into the starting lineup in the fifth game of his freshman season (1985) after Jackson State had split its first four games.

"When I reflect on him, I remember him more for the '85 season when we were at that time struggling," Gorden said. "He started his first game as a defensive back, and that was the turnaround of our football season."

Jackson State won its next six games before losing to eventual national champion Georgia Southern in the I-AA playoffs. The Tigers were 9-3 last year, including another playoff loss, making them 15-4 with Dent starting in the secondary.

Dent also has helped the Tigers reach the top in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. After sharing the 1985 SWAC championship with Grambling State, Jackson State went 7-0 last year to win the title outright.

The 6-foot-3, 195-pound safety also reaped his share of individual honors. He earned All-America and all-conference acclaim and was named the SWAC Defensive Player of the Year.

Dent has remarkable quickness for a man his size. But even more exceptional is his innate sense for where the ball is going.

"Having played quarterback, he knows what the receivers are trying to do," Gorden said. "He has great anticipation for the ball. He closes on the ball as good as any big man I've ever seen. And he has great peripheral vision."

"I guess as a safety his greatest attribute is his range. We have problems with safeties being disciplined to stay in the middle of the formation so when the ball is thrown they can double-team the football on either side. Lots of kids don't have that discipline. They'll see the quarterback's shoulders turn and then fade to that side. Then the quarterback turns and throws to the other side."

"Kevin has the discipline to stay in the middle of the formation, and the other guys know he'll be able to give them that double coverage."

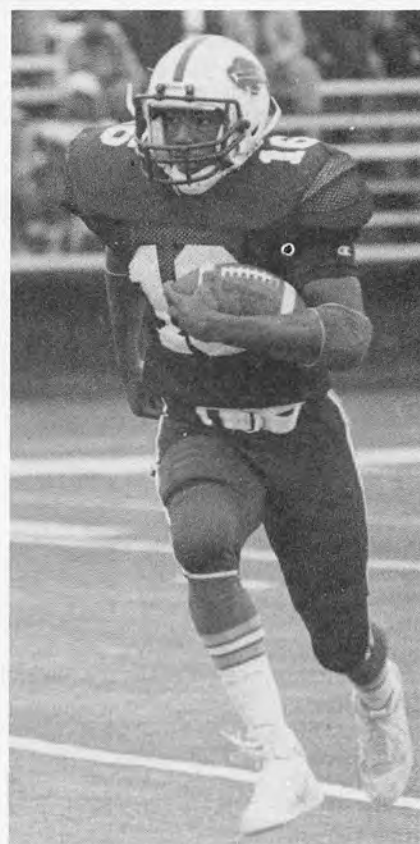
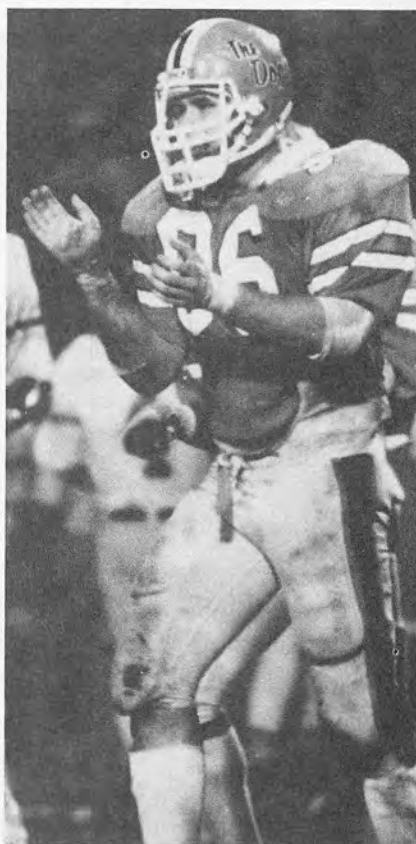
Said Dent: "It's all concentration. If you let up on your concentration, they might pick up 15 or 20 yards on you. You've got to keep your mind on it at all times."

While the next play is always on Dent's mind, a possible career in the National Football League is the farthest thing from it. With two more college seasons to go, he is not thinking that far ahead.

"I haven't even thought about the NFL," he said. "I just want to take it one step at a time and improve on my game. I'm still learning. I hope by my senior year I have all my tools together and I'm ready for the NFL." ■

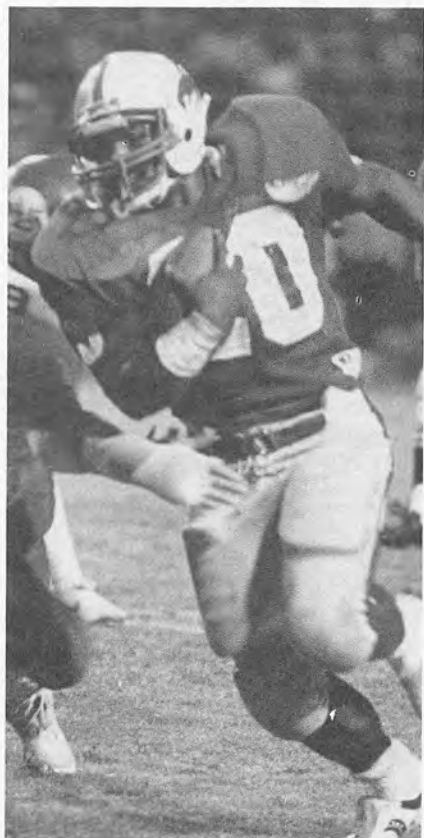
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CHARTING DIVISION I-AA



The six players pictured here, like the players covered on the previous five pages, are among the cream of the I-AA crop. They are (left to right top) Massachusetts

linebacker John McKeown, defensive tackle Scott Thompson of The Citadel, Howard University running back Harvey Reed and (left to right bottom) McNeese State tailback Tony Citizen, Cornell cornerback Mike Raich and Colgate tailback Kenny Gamble.



CHARTING DIVISION I-AA

IVY LEAGUE

1. Pennsylvania
2. Yale
3. Cornell
4. Harvard
5. Princeton
6. Brown
7. Dartmouth
8. Columbia

Offensive Player of Year:

Chris Flynn, RB, Sr., Pennsylvania.

Defensive Player of Year:

Mike Raich, CB, Sr., Cornell.

Top Players: Mark Donovan, QB, Sr., Brown; Jason Garrett, QB, Jr., Princeton; Kelly Ryan, QB, Sr., Yale; Chris Flynn, RB, Sr., Penn; Craig Morton, SE, Jr., Dartmouth; Dean Athanasia, TE, Sr., Yale; Brent Novoselsky, TE, Sr., Penn; George Pyne, OT, Jr., Brown; Lee Reheman, OT, Sr., Cornell; Mike Lista, DT, Sr., Penn; Gary Rinkus, DT, Sr., Cornell; Jeff Watts, DE, Sr., Brown; Brad Hippenstiel, LB, Sr., Penn; Dean Cain, S, Sr., Princeton; Walt Cataldo, S, Sr., Brown; Mike Raich, CB, Sr., Cornell; Donald Wilson, CB, Sr., Penn.

BIG SKY

1. Nevada-Reno
2. Northern Arizona
3. Idaho
4. Boise State
5. Eastern Wash.
6. Montana
7. Weber State
8. Montana State
9. Idaho State

Offensive Player of Year:

Greg Wyatt, QB, Soph., Northern Arizona.

Defensive Player of Year:

Jeff Davis, LB, Sr., Nevada-Reno.

Top Players: Greg Wyatt, QB, Soph., No. Ariz.; Charvez Foger, FB, Jr., Reno; Chris Jackson, RB, Sr., Boise; Jamie Townsend, TB, Sr., E. Wash.; Shawn Collins, TE, Jr., No. Ariz.; Larry Clarkson, OT, Sr., Mont.; Tom DeWitz, OG, Sr., Boise; Jeff Mickel, OT, Jr., E. Wash.; Greg Teeter, OG, Sr., Idaho St.; Pat Foster, DE, Sr., Mont.; Pete Kwiatkowski, DT, Sr., Boise; Jeff Davis, LB, Sr., Reno; Allen Gilmour, LB, Sr., E. Wash.; Ken Lang, LB, Sr., Montana St.; Scott Lommori, LB, Sr., Reno; Tony Breland, CB/S, Sr., Mont.; Marty Zendejas, K, Sr., Reno.

COLONIAL LEAGUE

1. Holy Cross
2. Colgate
3. Lafayette
4. Lehigh
5. Bucknell
6. Davidson

Offensive Player of Year:

Kenny Gamble, TB, Sr., Colgate.

Defensive Player of Year:

Gordie Lockbaum, CB, Sr., Holy Cross.

Top Players: Frank Baur, QB, Soph., Lafayette; Jim Given, QB, Sr., Bucknell; Mark McGowan, QB, Jr., Lehigh; Lee Blum, TB, Jr., Lehigh; Kenny Gamble, TB, Sr., Colgate; Buddy Brown, FL, Sr., Colgate; Wally Dembowsky, SE, Sr., Holy Cross; Ron George, OG, Sr., Holy Cross; Andy Martin, DT, Sr., Holy Cross; Horace Davis, LB, Sr., Lafayette; Tony Khalife, DT, Sr., Colgate; Greg Manusk, LB, Sr., Colgate; Kevin Rife, LB, Sr., Lehigh; Greg Schiano, LB, Sr., Bucknell; Gordie Lockbaum, CB, Sr., Holy Cross; Dave MacPhee, S, Sr., Lafayette; Terry Williams, CB, Jr., Lehigh; Mike Beattie, K, Sr., Lehigh.

GATEWAY

1. Northern Iowa
2. Southern Illinois
3. Eastern Illinois
4. Illinois State
5. Indiana State
6. Western Illinois
7. S.W. Missouri St.

Offensive Player of Year:

Mike Smith, QB, Sr., Northern Iowa.

Defensive Player of Year:

Jeff Smith, S, Jr., Illinois State.

Top Players: Kyle Frondorf, QB, Jr., Indiana St.; Mike Smith, QB, Sr., Northern Iowa; Carl Boyd, RB, Sr., Northern Iowa; Byron Mitchell, RB, Jr., Southern Illinois; Gary Cannon, WR/KR, Sr., Indiana St.; Brian Baker, TE, Sr., Northern Iowa; Keith Blue, OG, Sr., Western Illinois; David Smith, OT, Sr., Southern Illinois; Jeff Bealles, DE, Sr., Northern Iowa; Brad Crouse, DT, Jr., Southern Illinois; John Kropke, DT, Sr., Illinois St.; Ken Braden, LB, Sr., Southwest Missouri St.; Mark Hein, LB, Soph., Northern Iowa; Steve McKeel, S, Sr., Indiana St.; Jeff Smith, S, Jr., Illinois St.

Conference Predictions, Players To Watch

MEAC

1. Howard
2. N. Carolina A&T
3. South Carolina St.
4. Delaware State
5. Bethune-Cookman
6. Morgan State

Note: Florida A&M is ineligible for conf. title.

Offensive Player of Year:

Harvey Reed, RB, Sr., Howard.

Defensive Player of Year:

Dwayne Harper, CB, Sr., South Carolina St.

Top Players: Alan Hooker, QB, Sr., North Carolina A&T; Terrance Hoover, FB, Sr., Delaware St.; Reggie Jones, FB, Sr., Florida A&M; Harvey Reed, RB, Sr., Howard; Marco Kornegay, RB/KR, Jr., Morgan St.; Robert Tyler, TE, Sr., South Carolina St.; Kelvin Lee, OT, Sr., North Carolina A&T; Eric Moore, OG, Sr., Howard; William Foye, DT, Jr., Morgan St.; Robert Presbury, DE, Jr., Delaware St.; Lybrant Robinson, DE, Sr., Delaware St.; Vernon Beard, CB, Jr., Morgan St.; Dwayne Harper, CB, Sr., South Carolina St.

OHIO VALLEY

1. Eastern Kentucky
2. Murray State
3. Middle Tenn. St.
4. Youngstown State
5. Austin Peay State
6. Morehead State
7. Tennessee Tech

Offensive Player of Year:

James Crawford, TB, Sr., Eastern Kentucky.

Defensive Player of Year:

Aaron Jones, DT, Sr., Eastern Kentucky.

Top Players: Marvin Collier, QB, Jr., Middle Tenn. St.; Gerald Anderson, TB, Sr., Middle Tenn. St.; James Crawford, TB, Sr., Eastern Kentucky; Mike Lewis, TB, Jr., Austin Peay St.; Stanley Howard, WR, Sr., Murray St.; Greg Hurd, OT, Sr., Murray St.; John Jackson, OT, Sr., Eastern Kentucky; Aaron Jones, DT, Sr., Eastern Kentucky; Anthony Harper, LB, Sr., Eastern Kentucky; Thomas Squires, LB, Sr., Tenn. Tech; Rodney Bly, S, Sr., Austin Peay St.; Danny Copeland, CB/KR, Sr., Eastern Kentucky; Jerry Dunlap, S/KR, Sr., Youngstown St.; Greg Burke, P, Sr., Morehead St.

SOUTHERN

1. Appalachian State
2. Furman
3. UT-Chattanooga
4. Western Carolina
5. Marshall
6. East Tennessee St.
7. The Citadel
8. VMI

Offensive Player of Year:

Mike Barber, SE, Jr., Marshall.

Defensive Player of Year:

Scott Thompson, DT, Sr., The Citadel.

Top Players: Dave Brown, QB, Jr., VMI; Todd Payton, QB, Sr., Appalachian St.; Tony Petersen, QB, Sr., Marshall; Roosevelt Vay, TB, Soph., East Tenn. St.; Mike Barber, SE, Jr., Marshall; Mark Stock, SE, Sr., VMI; James Hardman, OT, Sr., Appalachian St.; Anthony Downs, DT, Sr., Appalachian St.; Scott Thompson, DT, Sr., The Citadel; Kenny Blacknell, LB, Sr., Appalachian St.; Albert English, LB, Sr., East Tenn. St.; Darryl Gardner, LB, Sr., Furman; Willie Greenway, LB, Jr., UT-Chattanooga; Rick Harris, DB, Jr., East Tenn. St.; Kirk Roach, K, Sr., Western Carolina.

SWAC

1. Jackson State
2. Grambling State
3. Alcorn State
4. Southern U.
5. Texas Southern
6. Miss. Valley St.
7. Alabama State
8. Prairie View A&M

Offensive Player of Year:

Brad Baxter, RB, Jr., Alabama St.

Defensive Player of Year:

Kevin Dent, S, Jr., Jackson St.

Top Players: Sean Cook, QB, Sr., Texas Southern; Brad Baxter, RB, Jr., Alabama St.; Victor Pegram, TB, Soph., Prairie View A&M; Lewis Tillman, RB, Jr., Jackson St.; Houston Hoover, OG, Sr., Jackson St.; Daniel Jones, C, Jr., Grambling St.; Kenneth Munson, OT, Sr., Texas Southern; Gerald Perry, OT, Sr., Southern U.; Paul Jones, DT, Sr., Miss. Valley St.; Curtis Maxey, DT, Sr., Grambling St.; Vincent Brown, LB, Sr., Miss. Valley St.; Andre Lloyd, LB, Sr., Jackson St.; Rufus Porter, LB, Sr., Southern U.; Michael Ball, CB, Sr., Southern U.; Kevin Dent, S, Jr., Jackson St.

SOUTHLAND

1. North Texas State
2. Sam Houston St.
3. N.E. Louisiana
4. McNeese State
5. S.W. Texas State
6. Northwestern St.
7. Stephen F. Austin

Offensive Player of Year:

John Stephens, RB, Sr., Northwestern St..

Defensive Player of Year:

Mike Rhone, S, Sr., North Texas St..

Top Players: Stan Humphries, QB, Sr., Northeast Louisiana; Tony Citizen, TB, Soph., McNeese St.; Roy Jackson, TB, Sr., Southwest Texas St.; John Stephens, RB, Sr., Northwestern (La.) St.; Eric Tennessee, WR, Sr., Southwest Texas St.; Ricky Eggleston, TE, Jr., Sam Houston St.; John Clement, OT, Sr., Northeast Louisiana; Tom Middaugh, DE, Sr., North Texas St.; A.J. Johnson, CB, Jr., Southwest Texas St.; Mike Rhone, S, Sr., North Texas St.; Tolle Royal, S, Sr., Sam Houston St.; Bart Bradley, P, Soph., Sam Houston St.

YANKEE

1. Delaware
2. New Hampshire
3. Massachusetts
4. Connecticut
5. Richmond
6. Maine
7. Rhode Island
8. Boston University

Note: Villanova is ineligible for conference title.

Offensive Player of Year:

Brian Forster, TE, Sr., Rhode Island.

Defensive Player of Year:

Darrell Booker, LB, Sr., Delaware.

Top Players: Pat Mancini, QB, Sr., Boston U.; Tim Healy, FB, Jr., Delaware; Erwin Matthews, RB, Jr., Richmond; David Dunn, WR, Sr., Conn.; Curtis Olds, WR, Jr., New Hampshire; Brian Forster, TE, Sr., Rhode Island; Nick Bitsko, OG, Sr., Delaware; Chris Coyne, C, Sr., Delaware; Darrell Booker, LB, Sr., Delaware; Pat Brown, LB, Jr., Richmond; John McKeown, LB, Jr., Mass.; Todd Rundell, LB, Jr., Mass.; Scott Daniels, S, Sr., Conn.; Brian Jordan, CB, Soph., Richmond; Ken Lucas, CB, Sr., Delaware; Mark Seals, CB, Jr., Boston U.

INDEPENDENTS

1. Arkansas State
2. Georgia Southern
3. Tennessee State
4. James Madison
5. William & Mary
6. Louisiana Tech

Offensive Player of Year:

Burton Murchison, RB, Sr., Lamar.

Defensive Player of Year:

Greg Lee, CB, Sr., Arkansas St.

Top Players: Dwane Brown, QB, Sr., Arkansas St.; Jeff Cesarone, QB, Sr., Western Kent.; Burton Murchison, RB, Sr., Lamar; Frank Johnson, SB, Jr., Ga. Southern; Cedric Jones, WR, Sr., Western Kent.; Harry Mehre, WR, Jr., William & Mary; Neal Wilkinson, TE, Sr., James Madison; Steve Walsh, OT, Sr., Western Kent.; Charlie Fredrick, NG, Sr., Arkansas St.; Richard Glover, DT, Jr., Nicholls St.; Eldonta Osborne, LB, Soph., La. Tech; Roderick Reed, LB, Jr., Tenn. St.; Bryan Williams, LB, Sr., Tenn. St.; Greg Lee, CB, Sr., Arkansas St.; Roger Holmes, CB, Sr., Tenn. St.; Nay Young, CB, Sr., Ga. Southern; Tim Foley, K, Sr., Ga. Southern; Scott Roper, K, Sr., Arkansas St.; Matt Stover, K, Soph., La. Tech.

Columbia's Freak Show

Lions Confident They Can Avoid 'Losing' Record

By SCOTT PITONIAK

One Columbia player described it as a freak show, and in a sense it was.

As the Lions crept closer to college football's least-desired record last autumn, the nation's media flocked to Columbia's New York City campus to cover America's losingest team.

"It almost made you feel like you were an attraction in a sideshow," said former Lions safety Larry Alletto after a season-ending loss to Brown extended Columbia's losing streak to 31 games, just three shy of Northwestern's NCAA Division I record.

"Everybody is looking at you, and they're thinking, 'Here's a losing creature. I wonder what it's like to be in his shoes.' It's like you're in a zoo."

As Columbia embarks on the 1987 season, the media again will focus on the Lions in anticipation that negative history will be made. However, observers may be disappointed because second-year Coach Larry McElreavy's program is beginning to show signs of life.

Several outstanding players from McElreavy's first recruiting class appear ready to contribute, and a mandatory off-season weight-training program has significantly improved the strength of a team that the coach called "one of the weakest, pound-for-pound, in all of college football."

This doesn't mean that Pennsylvania, which has won or shared the Ivy League title for five consecutive seasons, and 1986 runner-up Cornell will be shaking in their cleats. But it does mean that Columbia finally may be ready to win a few games and remove King Kong from its back.

"None of us wants to be associated with the longest losing streak in the history of college football, but I'm not obsessed with it," said McElreavy, who helped turn around losing programs as a head coach at New Haven and as an assistant at Penn. "However, I am obsessed with getting a win because once that happens, you'll see a snowball effect. The players will start believing in themselves, which hasn't happened around here in a long time."

Many thought McElreavy was crazy to accept the Columbia job after the 1985 season. After all, he was inheriting a program that had lost 65 of its previous 72 games and hadn't experienced a winning season since 1971.

"I'm not dumb," McElreavy said. "I researched the situation very carefully. If the school hadn't built the new stadium and shown a commitment to a winning football program, I wouldn't be here."



Big Lee Reheman is a major force on Cornell's offensive line.

There's no question that I was walking into a big challenge, but that kind of intrigued me. I've always rooted for the underdog anyway."

McElreavy also has always believed in hard work, which is why he issued an off-season ultimatum to his returning players. "He said, 'Either improve your strength in the weight room dramatically or don't bother showing up for fall practice,'" defensive back Mike Bissinger recalled. "Some guys grumbled, but I think it's the perfect approach. This way, if a guy is truly serious about playing, he's going to have to work at it. We had too many teams literally pushing us around in the past."

The performance of last year's freshman team—it won half of its games—has made many Columbia followers cautiously optimistic. Several members of that squad are expected to crack the varsity lineup this fall, with running backs Chris Konovalchik and Ashley Hernandez and kicker Matt Pollard being the most promising sophomores. Konovalchik rushed for 393 yards in four games.

Pollard hasn't even attempted his first

varsity field goal, but he already has attracted the attention of several pro scouts. Last season, he made four of five field goals, including two from beyond 50 yards, and averaged 38 yards per punt.

Another sophomore who could see action is quarterback Matt Less, who is expected to battle veterans Mike Morse and Chris Della Pietra for the position.

There is some experience on defense, with free safety Paul San Filippo, strong safety Bissinger and middle guard Matt Sodl returning for their senior seasons.

While Columbia attempts to end a losing tradition, Penn will try to continue a winning one.

Penn went 10-0 last season, the Quakers' first unbeaten, untied record since 1904. With the talent that Coach Ed Zubrow has returning, there's no reason to believe the Quakers won't make a strong bid to extend their Ivy title streak to six.

Penn's attack will center around running back Chris Flynn, the league's most dynamic offensive performer. The 5-foot-9, 180-pound senior rushed for 917 yards on 149 carries (6.2 average), caught 13 passes for 110 yards, scored 12 touchdowns and averaged 19.3 yards per kick-off return last fall. The bad news for Quaker opponents is that with the graduation of Rich Comizio (1,104 yards rushing), Flynn may be getting his hands on the ball more often this season.

The receiving corps will be led by All-Ivy tight end Brent Novoselsky, while the line features All-Ivy candidate Chris Wilkins at guard. The quarterback job is open, but Zubrow is confident he has the people to fill the hole.

The Quakers' defensive leaders include tackle Mike Lista, cornerback Donald Wilson and linebacker Brad Hippenstiel.

Coach Maxie Baughan's rebuilding program paid big dividends last fall as Cornell posted an 8-2 record, the school's best mark since 1971 when the Ed Marino-led Big Red finished 8-1. Only a season-ending, 31-21 loss to Penn separated the Big Red from a share of the Ivy crown (a height Cornell hadn't attained since '71).

With only three starters back on offense and six returning on defense, Cornell will have its work cut out.

The most severe graduation loss was quarterback Marty Stallone, who had an 11-3 record as a starter. Dave Dase, a shortstop on the Cornell baseball team, is the leading candidate to replace Stallone. Scott Malaga will be counted on to provide much of the ground game, while veteran receivers Shaun Hawkins and Chris Hahn will aid the passing attack.

Lee Reheman, a 276-pound tackle, is a major force on the Big Red's offensive line.

Despite the loss of All-America end Tom McHale, the Cornell defense should be miserly again (it was second in Division I-AA scoring defense in 1986, allowing



Chris Flynn, the do-everything running back who rushed for 917 yards, caught 13 passes and scored 12

touchdowns last season for Pennsylvania, again should carry the Quakers' offensive load.

only 10.3 points per game). Standout returnees are All-Ivy cornerback Mike Raich and all-league tackle Gary Rinkus.

Yale followers are hoping this is the year that senior quarterback Kelly Ryan finally fulfills the potential he displayed on the freshman squad, when he threw for 908 yards and 11 touchdowns in only 100 passing attempts.

Ryan was hampered by a season-long knee injury last fall and managed only three touchdown passes while yielding 16 interceptions. He nevertheless gave evidence of his talent by throwing for 426 yards against Army and totaling 1,739 passing yards in 1986, setting Yale single-game and single-season records in the process.

One of Ryan's favorite targets will be Dean Athanasia. The senior tight end caught 40 passes last fall and needs only 18 more receptions to become the school's top career receiver. When Ryan isn't passing, he can hand off to junior tailback Kevin Brice, who led Yale in rushing last season with 529 yards and scored five touchdowns (including one on a 65-yard sprint).

Coach Carmen Cozza, the dean of Ivy coaches with a 132-67-4 record in 22 years, faces a major rebuilding job on defense, where cornerback Dave Sullivan and linebacker Don Lund are key returnees. Help may come from Yale's 5-1 freshman team.

It could turn out to be a family affair at **Princeton**, where quarterback Jason Garrett, wide receiver John Garrett and running back Judd Garrett are eligible to

play after transferring from Columbia (following the departure of Jim Garrett, their father, as the Lions' coach). Each of the brothers is a potential starter and All-Ivy candidate.

While Jason and John figure to lend considerable help, the most talented of the three might be Judd, who was recruited by several Big Ten universities out of high school.

The Garrett bunch will join a veteran squad led by All-Ivy free safety Dean Cain (five interceptions), wide receiver Jeff Baker and kicker Rob Goodwin.

Last fall, **Harvard** suffered its first losing season since 1979 as the Crimson struggled to a 3-7 record. The defeats may mount unless veteran Coach Joe Restic receives big seasons from his young players.

Only two starters return on offense—quarterback Tom Yohe and tackle Maurice Frilot. The defense is in better shape with five starters back, headed by line veterans Greg Williams, Don Peterson and Mike Hirshland. Bryan Gescuk and Don Heberle provide experience in the secondary.

Brown again will rely on its defense, where seven starters return—including All-Ivy players Walt Cataldo, Jeff Watts and Bill Perry.

Cataldo spearheads the Bruins' secondary from his free-safety position, while end Watts (10 tackles for losses last season, including 4½ quarterback sacks) and tackle Perry provide muscle up front.

The offense will be in the hands of senior quarterback Mark Donovan, who

threw for 1,777 yards and 15 touchdowns in 1986. The line has solid performers in Joe Madden, son of coach-turned-commentator John Madden, and Holy Cross transfer George Pyne.

Buddy Teevens, a former football and hockey star at **Dartmouth**, has returned to his alma mater, replacing Joe Yukica as football coach.

Dartmouth officials are hopeful the 30-year-old Teevens can work the same magic he did at Maine, where in 1985 and 1986 (his only two seasons as a collegiate head coach) he guided the Black Bears to 6-5 and 7-4 records and gave Maine its first back-to-back winning teams since the mid-1960s.

Teevens favors a wide-open attack, and he'll have two outstanding receivers to build one around in junior split end Craig Morton, an All-Ivy selection, and tight end Matt Drury. Morton, a 4.4 sprinter over 40 yards, caught 44 passes last year for 1,063 yards and 10 touchdowns. Drury caught 29 passes and is a ferocious blocker. Junior split end David Anderson could join Morton as a deep threat.

Teevens' main problem will be finding a quarterback to get the ball to his talented receivers. Junior Tom Shakeshaft, last year's backup, will battle four others for the spot vacated by all-league pick David Gabianelli.

Six starters return defensively for the Big Green—the entire starting secondary, led by safety Brett Matthews, and tackles Ish McLaughlin and backup Brent Frei. ■

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BROWN

Coach: John Rosenberg (14-13-2, 3 years).
1986 Record: 5-4-1; Ivy: 4-2-1/3rd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Keiron Bigby, WR; Tom Dugan, CB; Marty Edwards, C; Dave Fielding, WR; Jeff Garrison, DE; Jamie Kutzer, S; Ron McMullen, OT; Brian Murphy, LB; Steve Onoyan, FB; Mike Small, G; Peter Zidlicky, TE.
Starters Returning: **Offense (4):** Jim Anderson, G, 6-2/225, Sr.; Mark Donovan, QB, 6-4/200, Sr.; Joe Madden, T, 6-4/275, Jr.; Jamie Simone, WR, 5-9/176, Sr. **Defense (7):** Walt Cataldo, S, 5-11/180, Sr.; Greg Kylish, S, 6-2/197, Jr.; Scott McCaleb, CB, 5-10/183, Sr.; Bill Perry, T, 6-1/254, Sr.; Pat Russell, T, 6-2/230, Sr.; Jeff Watts, E, 6-4/240, Sr.; Tyler Wolfram, LB, 6-1/210, Sr.
Key Returnees: Kaz Bilinski, LB, Sr.; John Cuozzo, C, Sr.; Alex Kos, P/K, Sr.; Leon Lewis, LB, Sr.; John Martin, TE, Jr.; Tom Smith, WR, Sr.; Lane Wood, TB, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Dan Clark, QB (JV); Ralph Green, TE (JV); George Pyne, OT (transfer/Holy Cross); Mark Thompson, WR (JV).



Dartmouth's Craig Morton.

PENNSYLVANIA

Coach: Ed Zubrow (10-0, 1 year).
1986 Record: 10-0; Ivy: 7-0/1st.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Rob Andrews, WR; Steve Buonato, C; Rich Comizio, RB; Jim Crocicchia, QB; Dexter Desir, NG; Scott Ernst, OT; James Fangmeyer, S; Tom Flynn, CB; Jeff Fortna, LB; Brad Heinz, R; Rick Inskeep, LB; Tom Klar, FB; Bruce McConnell, LB; Jim Panzini, OG; Marty Peterson, OT; A.J. Sebastianelli, DT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (3):** Brent Novoselsky, TE, 6-3/235, Sr.; Ken Saunders, WR, 6-2/190, Sr.; Chris Wilkins, G, 6-3/260, Sr. **Defense (3):** Brad Hippenstiel, LB, 6-0/220, Sr.; Mike Lista, T, 6-3/245, Sr.; Donald Wilson, CB, 6-1/195, Sr.
Key Returnees: Jim Bruni, RB, Sr.; Chris Flynn, RB, Sr.; Tom Gizzi, C, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Erik Conrad, FB (JV); Derrick Crowther, LB (JV); Franklin Ferguson, DB (JV); Rich Gay, DB (JV); Bryan Keys, RB (JV); Dolph Tokarczyk, TE (transfer/Maryland).

COLUMBIA

Coach: Larry McElreavy (0-10, 1 year; 13-27 overall, 4 years).
1986 Record: 0-10; Ivy: 0-7/8th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Dan Botieh, WR; John Chirico, RB; John Pennywell, WR; Joe Policastro, DB/P; Chris Riga, LB; Ron Suber, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Terry Brown, WR, 5-10/175, Jr.; Paul Childers, G, 6-2/230, Jr.; Matt Fox, WR, 6-1/185, Jr.; Bill McGee, G, 5-10/245, Jr.; Dave Putelo, QB, 6-2/205, Sr.; Bennie Seybold, T, 6-3/250, Jr.; Jim Taylor, C, 6-0/215, Jr. **Defense (9):** John Alex, LB, 5-11/200, Jr.; Mike Bissinger, DB, 5-11/185, Sr.; George Gianfrancisco, LB, 6-1/200, Sr.; John Miller, E (switched to C), 6-2/220, Sr.; Tony Natola, MG, 6-0/235, Sr.; Mike Pietkiewicz, T, 5-11/235, Jr.; Paul San Filippo, DB, 5-8/175, Sr.; Matt Sodi, MG, 5-10/245, Sr.; Mark Zielinski, LB, 6-2/215, Jr.
Key Returnees: Chris Della Pietra, QB, Jr.; Homer Hill, WR, Sr.; Bill Walsh, K, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Brad Barnett, LB (JV); Chris Konovalchik, TB (JV); Matt Less, QB (JV); Matt Pollard, K (JV); Mike Pyle, LB (transfer/Air Force).

DARTMOUTH

Coach: Buddy Teevens (first year at Dartmouth; 13-9 overall, 2 years).
1986 Record: 3-6-1; Ivy: 3-3-1/4th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Craig Denekas, OG; Ron Dufresne, FB; Nigel Ekern, LB; David Gabianelli, QB; Rusty Gardner, LB; John Jakiemiec, NG; Jeff Lee, LB; Chris Matonis, OG; John Randolph, C; Ernie Torain, TB; Chris Wanger, WR; Jon Winslow, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Matt Drury, TE, 6-5/225, Sr.; Lance High, T, 6-6/265, Sr.; Rick Hill, G, 6-3/240, Sr.; Craig Morton, SE, 6-0/170, Jr.; Lee Overstreet, T, 6-4/260, Sr. **Defense (6):** Chris Balish, LB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Mike Campanale, CB, 6-0/185, Jr.; Rob Combi, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Brett Matthews, S, 6-1/190, Sr.; Ish McLaughlin, T, 6-2/255, Sr.; Andy Russell, S, 6-0/170, Sr.
Key Returnees: David Anderson, SE, Jr.; Brent Frei, DT, Sr.; Kevin Griffin, P, Sr.; Trent Pansze, RB, Sr.; Chris Pollard, TB, Jr.; Tom Shakeshaft, QB, Jr.; Paul Sorensen, LB, Jr.
Top Newcomers: David Clark, TB (JV); Steve DeMaio, LB (JV); Nick Stanham, TB (JV).

PRINCETON

Coach: Ron Rogerson (7-13, 2 years; 26-36-1 overall, 6 years).
1986 Record: 2-8; Ivy: 2-5/T6th.
Offense: Wing-T. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Kevin Armstrong, CB; Mike Behrman, TE; Gerry Courier, C; Ned Elton, DE; Mike Harrer, OG; Matt Heisler, LB; Chip Nuzzo, S; Jim Sass, DT; Derek Wassink, HB; Gary Weisglass, QB; Brian Wiley, OT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Jeff Baker, WR, 6-1/180, Sr.; Greg DiFelice, HB, 5-11/205, Jr.; Jerry Santillo, FB, 5-9/208, Sr.; George Sarceovich, T, 6-4/236, Jr.; Mark Seilhamer, G, 6-2/239, Sr. **Defense (6):** Sean Brennan, CB, 5-9/170, Sr.; Dean Cain, S, 6-0/180, Sr.; Pete Milano, LB, 6-0/208, Sr.; David Rose, E, 6-2/232, Sr.; Rob Vanden Noven, T, 6-2/223, Jr.; Matt Whalen, LB, 6-0/206, Sr.
Key Returnees: Rob Goodwin, K, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Jason Garrett, QB (transfer/Columbia); John Garrett, WR (transfer/Columbia); Judd Garrett, RB (transfer/Columbia).

CORNELL

Coach: Maxie Baughan (16-22-1, 4 years).
1986 Record: 8-2; Ivy: 6-1/2nd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Tom Aug, K; Tom Bernardo, LB; Erik Bernstein, P; Mark Collins, OT; Jim Frontero, CB; Dan Gavin, C; Jeff Johnson, FB; Ken Johnson, OG; Ward Johnson, LB; Jim Knowles, DE; Steve Lipic, OG; Tom Malone, TE; Tom McHale, DE; Solomon Pugh, HB; Marty Stallone, QB; Chris Tull, DT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (3):** Chris Hahn, WR, 6-2/184, Sr.; Shaun Hawkins, WR, 6-0/178, Sr.; Lee Rehman, T, 6-3/276, Sr. **Defense (6):** Jeff DeLamielluere, S, 5-9/184, Sr.; Brent Felitto, S, 6-0/192, Sr.; Mike McGrann, LB, 6-5/221, Sr.; Mike Raich, CB, 5-11/192, Sr.; Gary Rinkus, T, 6-2/241, Sr.; Len Tokish, LB, 6-3/205, Jr.
Key Returnees: Mark Baughan, LB, Sr.; Rick Calhoun, DT, Sr.; Dave Dase, QB, Jr.; Doug Langan, OT, Jr.; Mitch Lee, LB, Soph.; Steve Lutz, WR, Jr.; Scott Malaga, FB/HB, Soph.; Marc Pearlman, CB, Sr.

HARVARD

Coach: Joe Restic (87-58-5, 16 years).
1986 Record: 3-7; Ivy: 3-4/5th.
Offense: Multiflex. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Dave Bednar, OT; Scott Collins, LB; Joe Connolly, SE; Jim Higgins, OG; Bob Joyce, LB; Andy Maretz, K; Jim Morris, TE; Mike Murray, C; Brian O'Neil, FB; Rick Patton, CB; Joe Pusateri, HB; Tom Richerson, R; George Sorbara, WB; Dan Steere, MG; Brian Sullivan, DT; Clifton Tidwell, DE; Hal Watson, OG.
Starters Returning: **Offense (2):** Maurice Friot, T, 6-1/260, Jr.; Tom Yohe, QB, 6-0/180, Jr. **Defense (5):** Bryan Gescuk, S, 6-1/180, Sr.; Don Heberle, CB, 5-11/175, Sr.; Mike Hirshland, E, 6-1/195, Sr.; Don Peterson, E, 6-2/210, Jr.; Greg Williams, T, 6-4/230, Sr.
Key Returnees: Jim Bell, DT, Jr.; Tony Consigli, C, Jr.; Kevin Dulsky, TE, Sr.; Steve Eilers, OT, Jr.; Don Gajewski, DE, Jr.; Tony Hinz, FB, Jr.; Tom McConnell, DT, Jr.

YALE

Coach: Carmen Cozza (132-67-4, 22 years).
1986 Record: 3-7; Ivy: 2-5/T6th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Mark Dellinger, OT; John Duryea, K; Mike Flannery, S; Derek Kay, CB; Ken Lund, OG; Ted Macauley, TB; Don Mahlke, P; Chris Martin, OT; George Matthews, C; Tom Mercein, FB; Hank Osleger, DT; John Quinn, LB; John Risley, DT; Mike Ryan, LB; Ted Werthman, LB; Dave White, WB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Dean Athanasia, TE, 6-3/225, Sr.; Troy Jenkins, FB, 5-10/190, Sr.; Jeff Rudolph, G, 6-2/245, Jr.; Kelly Ryan, QB, 6-3/190, Sr.; Rich Schulte, SE, 6-0/182, Sr. **Defense (3):** Pete Helland, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Bret Schulte, MG, 6-0/225, Sr.; Dave Sullivan, CB, 6-1/200, Sr.
Key Returnees: Tim Ahearn, OG, Sr.; Mike Barry, LB, Sr.; Chuck Bray, LB, Jr.; Kevin Brice, TB, Jr.; Tony Cappellino, LB, Sr.; Todd Cowan, LB/P, Jr.; Jim D'Onofrio, DT, Jr.; Malcolm Frank, DT, Sr.; Art Kalman, OT, Jr.; Don Lund, LB, Jr.; Dan McInnis, MG, Jr.; Bob Shoop, SE, Sr.; Mike Stewart, TB/WB, Sr.; Ken Tullo, C, Jr.; Buddy Zachery, CB, Jr.
Top Newcomers: John Gastel, P (JV); Tom O'Brien, LB (JV); Reggie Sellars, TB (JV); Scott Wollam, DT (JV).

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A Season of Reflection

Despite Expansion, It Was Business As Usual in 1986

By PHIL CHARDIS

With Phase I of the Yankee Conference expansion program completed and Phase II a year away, this might be called the league's season of reflection.

Thoughts are focused on the changes brought about last season with the addition of Delaware and Richmond to the league and the impact expected in 1988 when Villanova enters conference play.

So far, Yankee Conference expansion has mainly meant easier scheduling, longer road trips and the extension of the perennial Yankee dogfight to new locales.

Except for the different settings, it was business as usual in 1986 with a logjam at the top of the Yankee standings. And the league can expect more of the same in 1987 and 1988, regardless of the overall growth of conference membership from six to nine schools.

"The big thing the expansion did was reinforce the belief that we have a very competitive conference," New Hampshire Coach Bill Bowes said. "Delaware was supposed to have its best team in years last year, and Richmond has an excellent program, but neither one could dominate the conference. I think Villanova can only add to the competitiveness. We have a very, very good league."

While Delaware managed to gain a share of the Yankee championship last season (along with Massachusetts and Connecticut), Richmond struggled to a 3-4 league mark.

"We thought we'd be respectable in one of the top conferences in the country and I don't know if we were or not," Richmond Coach Dal Shealy said. "Last year was very educational for our people, especially our alumni. We better have a new respect for all the teams in our league. If we don't, we're going to get wiped out."

Massachusetts Coach Jim Reid believes parity is here to stay, whatever the league alignment.

"There will never again be a team in the Yankee Conference that will go through a decade of dominating the league like UMass in the mid-'60s or New Hampshire in the '70s or BU (Boston University) in the early '80s," Reid said. "Everybody's program is pretty equal. Some team that went 2-9 could have gone 9-2 with the proper breaks."

Connecticut, then, must have received the proper breaks last season, as the Huskies snapped a streak of five consecutive losing seasons with an 8-3 overall record and barely missed an NCAA Division I-AA playoff berth.



Dave Palazzi (above) and Tim Bryant (below) will wage a hot battle for Massachusetts' starting quarterback job.



The Huskies appear formidable again in 1987—but so do Massachusetts, Delaware and New Hampshire.

Considering its wealth of experience and the fact it has two outstanding quarterbacks, **Massachusetts** looks like a solid title contender. The Minutemen return seven starters on offense and nine on defense. And, in quarterbacks Tim Bryant and Dave Palazzi, they have the Yankee Conference's rookie-of-the-year winners for the last two years.

Palazzi won the newcomer honor in 1985, then suffered a shoulder injury in the 1986 season opener. Bryant stepped into the breach and threw for 1,430 yards and six touchdowns en route to '86 rookie laurels. The two will battle for the No. 1 job this fall.

Top rusher Al Neri has graduated, but tailbacks Kevin Smellie (623 yards and 12 touchdowns overall last season) and Chip Mitchell should pick up the slack, while split end Jay Dowdy and tight end Mike Kelley are capable receivers.

"My type of game is to grind it out," said Reid, whose Minutemen were 8-3 overall last season, "but people last year said that was as exciting an offense as they've had here in a long time and if I changed it, they'd kill me."

Defensively, Massachusetts will rely on noseguard Joe Cullen and the excellent linebacking crew of All-Yankee choice John McKeown, Todd Rundle and Vito Perrone.

Delaware, a I-AA playoff participant in 1986, lost three-year starters at quarterback, both halfback slots and the wideout and tight-end positions. Among the departed is quarterback Rich Gannon, the Yankee Conference's Offensive Player of the Year last season.

Gannon's heir apparent is junior David Sierer, who threw only three passes last year. The rushing will be handled by Tim Healy (460 yards) and Gregg Panasuk.

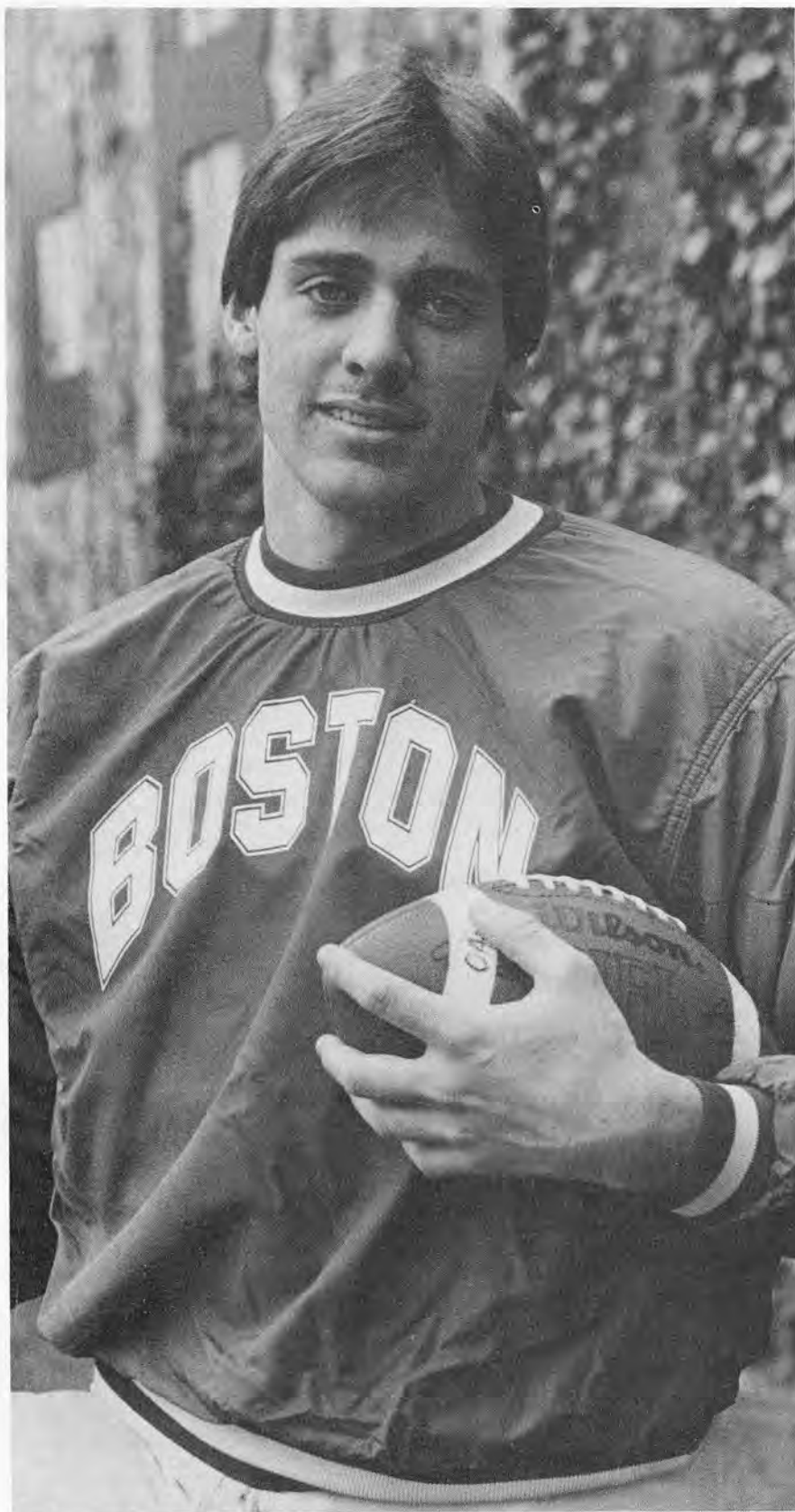
Up front offensively, center Chris Coyne and guard Nick Bitsko are All-Yankee returnees.

"We think the defense will play much better," veteran Coach Tubby Raymond said.

One reason for the optimism is the return of all-league linebacker Darrell Booker, projected as perhaps the league's top defender in 1987, and talented cornerback Ken Lucas.

New Hampshire will feature a potent passing attack for at least the next two years, with exciting quarterback Bob Jean (2,535 aerial yards and 19 touchdown passes last season) throwing to outstanding receivers Curtis Olds, Chris Braune and Rob Spittel. (Jean and Olds are juniors, while Braune and Spittel are sophomores.)

In addition, the Wildcats boast a potentially devastating running game sparked by sophomore tailback Norm Ford, who ran for 854 yards in '86.



Quarterback Pat Mancini, the top career passer in Boston University history, will have to operate without his top two 1986 receivers.

"We surprised ourselves by putting a lot of points on the board (66 one week and 42 the next, for example)," said Bowes, whose team finished one game out of first place last year with a 4-3 conference record. "We'll be at least as strong offensive-

ly, with a chance to be a lot better."

Defensively, New Hampshire has an experienced line, led by all-league tackle Paul Boulay, and the Wildcats have built up the secondary by switching their No. 2 receiver of last season, Bill Farrell, to

strong safety. All-conference pick Eric Thompson is the free safety.

Should the younger Wildcats develop quickly enough to provide depth, New Hampshire figures to be in the title hunt.

Connecticut should remain in high gear with the return of 20 starters.

"Everybody except the guy who takes the snaps and pulls the trigger," said Tom Jackson, the league's Coach of the Year last season, as he bemoaned the loss of quarterback Peter Lane (and the fact that Lane's two backups also were seniors). The Huskies' quarterback job will fall to either of two redshirt freshmen, Matt DeGennaro or Scott Vibberts.

"It's not like they're brand new," Jackson said. "They practiced with us all last fall and this spring. Still, we've put the onus on the other positions where we have experience. They have to play better to help whoever is at the quarterback position."

Tailback Jeff Gallaher and fullback Terry Antrum give the Huskies a solid ground game. Gallaher rushed for a team-high 592 yards last season and Antrum averaged 5.7 yards per carry. The receiving corps is first-rate, with flanker David Dunn and split end Glenn Antrum having combined for 100 catches last season. And Connecticut's offensive line, anchored by All-Yankee selection Pat Anglim at guard, could be its finest in a long time.

Connecticut's defensive unit returns intact, led by all-league pick Scott Daniels at strong safety. Middle guard Nate Cotton and linebacker Mike Jansen also are standouts.

"We've got to make sure we don't believe all the nice things people say about us," Jackson said. "But our No. 1 goal is to win the conference outright, and we feel that's attainable."

Richmond had a rough introduction to its new league and this year will face the competition without star quarterback Bob Bleier, top runner Greg Grooms and leading receivers James Church and John Henry.

The Spiders will go back to the drawing board with sophomore quarterback Chad Grier and freshman contender Jeff Snead. Tailback Erwin Matthews (551 yards) will be the team's No. 1 runner, with Johnnie Ealey spearheading the receivers.

The defense, paced by linebacker Pat Brown and cornerback Brian Jordan, won't have much more experience.

"We have excitement and enthusiasm," said Shealy, whose team went 4-7 overall last year. "There are no stars and no heroes. We're all blue-collar workers."

Maine will be playing under its third coach in four years as Tim Murphy takes over for Buddy Teevens, who left the Black Bears for Dartmouth.

Maine has strength in the skill positions, especially at quarterback, where Bob Wilder and Mike Buck should stage a heated battle for the starting job. Wilder is the school's all-time leading passer, while Buck proved his mettle last season

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Coach: Steve Stetson (7-15, 2 years; 16-29-1 overall, 5 years).

1986 Record: 4-7; Yankee: 3-4/T5th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Steve Benko, OG; Mark Ferrara, WR; Dennis Gadois, WR; Tom Ladka, DE/DT; Keith McLaughlin, LB; Mark Moylan, C/OT; Kevin Murphy, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Blaine Aplegate, FB, 6-2/203, Sr.; Peter Bengtson, G/C, 6-0/246, Soph.; Chris Doyle, T/C, 6-1/252, Soph.; Pat Mancini, QB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Randy Pettus, TB, 5-10/195, Sr.; John Timm, T, 6-2/239, Jr.; Andy Wise, TE, 6-4/227, Jr. **Defense (8):** Bill Caraher, E/T, 6-2/253, Jr.; Dennis Carson, LB, 5-11/201, Soph.; Ken Clifford, DB, 5-11/187, Jr.; Skip Jackson, DB, 5-10/182, Jr.; Jim Mercer, E, 6-2/217, Soph.; Jack Reybold, LB, 6-0/194, Sr.; Mark Seals, DB, 6-1/197, Jr.; Mike White, DB, 5-10/187, Soph.

Key Returnees: Jim Collishaw, DT, Soph.; Ben Cowan, DT, Soph.; Mike Flynn, WR, Soph.; Dan Green, K, Sr.; Steve Jones, P, Jr.; Jim Schuman, QB, Sr. (RS/hand); Tom Stuczynski, OT, Sr. (RS/knee).

Top Newcomers: Reggie Howell, QB; Thomas Kraus, OT; Robert Talley, DB; Rick Yaggi, LB.

MAINE

Coach: Tim Murphy (first year at Maine).

1986 Record: 7-4; Yankee: 3-4/T5th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Dave Bochtler, NG; Tim Cahill, C; John Colasacco, OG; Jay Davenport, S; Tom DiGeronimo, CB; Steve Donahue, LB; Chris Gillmann, LB; Bob Kreppel, DT; Joe McDonald, OT; Stu Pelkey, CB; Steve Root, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Doug Dorsey, TB, 5-9/175, Jr.; Sergio Hebra, WR, 5-11/184, Sr.; Dave Ingalls, G, 6-2/255, Sr.; Tony Lanza, TE, 6-3/235, Jr.; Steve Roth, WR, 6-1/193, Jr.; Bob Wilder, QB, 6-2/220, Sr. **Defense (3):** Nick Penna, LB, 6-1/223, Jr.; Rob Sterling, S, 6-0/196, Sr.; Steve Violette, T, 6-1/265, Sr.

Key Returnees: Steve Bell, P, Soph.; Pete Borjestedt, K, Sr.; Mike Buck, QB, Jr.; Troy Conquest, NG, Sr.; Mike Denino, LB, Jr.; Jim Fox, TB, Sr.; John Gibson, LB, Jr.; Scott Hough, OT, Jr.; Chuck Kasmer, OT, Sr.; Jeff Knox, WR, Soph.; Joe Trefethen, LB, Jr.; Ray Wood, FB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Greg Bennett, DT; Alan Bigos, OL; Dave Clark, NG (RS); Jeff Copen, LB (RS); Keith James, CB (transfer/Boston University); Steve Luke, CB (RS); Carl Smith, DB; Mike Smith, LB (RS); Jamal Williamson, DB.

RHODE ISLAND

Coach: Bob Griffin (59-61-1, 11 years; 80-81-1 overall, 14 years).

1986 Record: 1-10; Yankee: 0-7/8th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple 52.

Key Loss: Phil Mulcahy, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Bob Donfield, WR, 6-3/195, Sr.; Greg Farland, QB, 6-0/195, Sr.; Mike Janson, G (switched to DT), 6-2/271, Sr.; Andy Levy, G, 6-3/260, Sr.; Jim Muse, TE, 6-2/205, Sr.; Bob Palermo, C (switched to G), 6-2/235, Jr.; Chris Poirier, TB, 5-10/186, Soph.; Jim Pratt, WR, 6-0/180, Sr.; John Seelinger, T, 6-3/280, Sr. **Defense (8):** Anthony Adams, CB, 5-11/170, Jr.; Bill Brown, DE, 6-2/222, Jr.; John Gilman, NG, 6-1/281, Soph.; Jim Happe, LB, 6-2/214, Sr.; Jeff Hogan, S, 5-11/177, Soph.; Ken Kurtz, E, 5-11/217, Sr.; Jim Landry, T, 6-2/258, Sr.; Earl Smith, CB, 5-10/178, Jr.

Key Returnees: Ray Apo, C, Sr. (RS/knee); Greg Benjamin, DT, Soph.; Kurt Brockwell, LB, Soph.; Mark Buckley, DE, Soph.; John Carbone, LB, Sr.; Brian Forster, TE, Sr. (RS/academics); Paul Ghilani, QB, Soph.; Doug Haynes, TB, Jr.; Jeff Jarosz, QB, Soph.; Bob Peterson, OT, Jr. (RS/medical); Steve Schwab, TE, Jr.; Joe Tighe, DE, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Eric Henderson, OT (transfer/Navy); Pat Narduzzi, LB (transfer/Youngstown State); Kevin Neville, QB.

CONNECTICUT

Coach: Tom Jackson (20-22, 4 years).

1986 Record: 8-3; Yankee: 5-2/T1st.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.

Key Loss: Peter Lane, QB.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Pat Anglim, G (switched from OT), 6-4/252, Sr.; Glenn Antrum, SE, 5-11/171, Jr.; Terry Antrum, FB, 5-9/213, Sr.; David Dunn, FL, 6-0/193, Sr.; Jeff Gallaher, TB, 5-9/195, Jr.; Tom Krol, C, 6-2/256, Jr.; Pat Margiatta, C, 6-3/243, Sr.; Stuart Milberg, T, 6-5/307, Soph.; Scott Sweitzer, TE, 6-1/216, Sr. **Defense (11):** David Amendola, T, 6-1/261, Sr.; Troy Ashley, LB, 5-10/218, Soph.; Abbott Burrell, CB, 6-3/206, Soph.; Nate Cotton, MG, 6-0/230, Sr.; Scott Daniels, S, 6-0/200, Sr.; David Dudley, LB, 6-3/238, Soph.; Mike Jansen, LB, 6-1/229, Sr.; Kevin Johnson, CB, 5-10/162, Jr.; Dan Logan, T, 6-2/265, Jr.; Dwayne Miller, S, 6-2/198, Jr.; Andy Scott, LB, 6-1/223, Sr.

Key Returnees: Mike Adams, SE, Jr.; George Boothe, TB, Soph.; Jim Carriere, P/FB, Jr.; Mark Carter, K, Jr.; Ed Fountain, DT, Sr.; David Franks, OG, Jr. (RS); Travis Saller, CB, Soph. **Top Newcomers:** Mike Coleman, OT (RS); Matt DeGennaro, QB (RS); Howard Goodrow, QB (RS); Bob Meers, TE (transfer/Georgia Tech); Scott Vibberts, QB (RS).

MASSACHUSETTS

Coach: Jim Reid (8-3, 1 year).

1986 Record: 8-3; Yankee: 5-2/T1st.

Offense: Split-Back. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: John Benzinger, OT; Bob Greaney, OG; Paul Manganaro, LB; Al Neri, FB; Bob Shelmire, S; Ned Toffey, TE.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Tim Bryant, QB, 6-1/188, Jr.; Jay Dowdy, SE, 5-11/182, Soph.; Paul Mayberry, G, 6-2/263, Soph.; Peter Montini, C, 6-3/257, Sr.; Nick Salmon, T, 6-2/253, Jr.; Kevin Smellie, TB, 5-11/180, Jr.; Mike Trifari, FL, 5-11/195, Jr. **Defense (9):** Scott Brown, S, 6-1/187, Sr.; Dan Charron, T, 6-5/262, Soph.; Joe Cullen, NG, 5-11/230, Soph.; Bernard Diggs, T, 6-2/235, Jr.; John McKeown, LB, 6-0/229, Jr.; Vito Perrone, LB, 6-4/248, Sr.; Todd Rundle, LB, 6-3/237, Jr.; Andrew Thomas, CB, 5-11/170, Jr.; Kirk Williams, LB, 6-2/195, Sr.

Key Returnees: Ted Barrett, TB, Jr. (RS/stomach); Silvio Bonvini, K, Jr.; Mike Kelley, TE, Sr.; Chip Mitchell, TB, Soph.; Dave Palazzi, QB, Jr.; Jim Tandler, LB, Sr.; Jim Vertucci, S, Jr.; Dimitri Yavis, P, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Tony Acocella, OL; Scott Alla, S (RS); Jerome Bledsoe, RB/DB (RS); Kai Dietiker, OL/DL; Pat Doran, DB (RS); Tony Gludice, OG (RS); Jim Pastorick, FB; Al Pogarian, OT (RS).

RICHMOND

Coach: Dal Shealy (32-45, 7 years; 67-62 overall, 12 years).

1986 Record: 4-7; Yankee: 3-4/T5th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Bob Bleier, QB; James Church, SE; Troy Gray, LB; Greg Grooms, TB; John Henry, TE; Jeff Karkut, DT; Damon Miller, LB; Kim Pettus, S; Brian Shields, FL; Chris Tate, C; Bryan Tuft, DT; Rafe Wilkerson, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): John Aaron, C, 6-1/230, Sr.; Mark Bell, T, 6-4/265, Jr.; Howard Fanestock, T, 6-3/230, Jr.; T.J. Morgan, FB, 5-10/195, Jr.; Courtney Williams, T, 6-3/230, Sr. **Defense (5):** Mark Aucker, S, 6-0/185, Jr.; Pat Brown, LB, 6-4/230, Jr.; Tony Butler, CB, 5-11/195, Jr.; Jeff David, NG, 6-3/235, Jr.; Brian Jordan, CB, 6-1/195, Soph.

Key Returnees: Johnnie Ealey, FL, Sr.; Chad Grier, QB, Soph.; Erwin Matthews, TB, Jr.; Jeff Olivo, P, Soph.; Brian Robinson, TB, Soph. **Top Newcomers:** Jeff Berkowitz, LB (transfer/South Carolina); Alphonse Damas, CB (JC); Eric Hopkins, TB (RS); Jeff Snead, QB (RS).

DELAWARE

Coach: Tubby Raymond (177-69-2, 21 years).

1986 Record: 8-3; Yankee: 5-2/T1st.

Offense: Wing-T. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Phil Atwell, S; Dan Brodeur, OG; Greg Christodulu, SE; Tim Doherty, DE; Jamie Dyeovich, OT; Rich Gannon, QB/P; Todd Hranicka, DE; Todd Lott, SE; Walt Mazur, DT; Kevin McCown, S; Joe McGrail, DT; Jeff Modesitt, TE; Bob Norris, HB; Neil Roberts, K; John Rolka, OT; Fred Singleton, HB.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Nick Bitsko, G, 6-2/272, Sr.; Chris Coyne, C, 6-1/273, Sr.; Tim Healy, FB, 6-0/215, Jr.; Mike Hudy, T, 6-2/251, Sr.; Gregg Panasuk, FB, 6-0/233, Sr.; Mike Turek, G, 6-2/257, Sr. **Defense (6):** Darrell Booker, LB, 6-0/235, Sr.; Jeff Borkoski, LB, 5-11/218, Sr.; Mike Greig, LB, 5-11/196, Jr.; Ken Lucas, CB, 5-9/174, Sr.; Chris McDonald, CB, 5-9/183, Sr.; David Ochs, LB/CB, 5-9/188, Sr.

Key Returnees: Bob Aughinbaugh, S, Jr.; Jim Borkowski, LB, Jr.; Randy Holmes, HB, Jr.; Shawn Kelley, HB, Sr.; Randy Lanham, HB, Sr.; Craig McCoy, QB, Jr.; Mike Pinkett, HB, Jr.; David Sierer, QB/P, Jr.; Donald Souders, DE, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Darrin Ferrell, SE; Mark Hammond, FB; Gil Knight, HB (JV); Dan Stedman, HB (JV); Admiral Sydney, HB.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Coach: Bill Bowes (95-56-3, 15 years).

1986 Record: 7-4; Yankee: 4-3/4th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Mike Carter, OG; Dave Duggan, LB; Stan Harrison, CB; Illia Jarostchuk, DE; Ted White, CB.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Chris Braune, FL, 6-1/190, Soph.; John Driscoll, T, 6-5/280, Sr.; Norm Ford, TB, 5-10/185, Soph.; Gardner Gendron, T, 6-6/225, Sr.; Bob Jean, QB, 6-2/205, Jr.; Derrick Milton, FB, 5-10/225, Sr.; Curtis Olds, WR, 5-11/185, Jr.; Jim Prendible, C, 6-3/245, Jr.; Rob Spittel, TE, 6-3/230, Soph. **Defense (7):** Paul Boulay, T, 6-1/225, Sr.; Scott Curtis, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Kevin Doherty, T, 6-4/225, Sr.; Basil Jarostchuk, E, 6-2/230, Jr.; Bill O'Malley, NG, 6-1/250, Sr.; Dan Smith, S (switched to CB), 5-11/190, Jr.; Eric Thompson, S, 6-2/190, Sr.

Key Returnees: Nate Baldasaro, P, Jr.; John Dubots, DE, Jr.; Eric Facey, K, Sr.; Jim Farrell, S, Sr. (switched from WR); Fred Huth, OG, Soph.; Frank Maguire, OG, Jr.; Bob Mitchell, CB, Sr.; Rob Silva, LB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Geoff Aleva, DE; Jim DeCicco, DE (RS); Alex Jarostchuk, DT (RS); Ryan Jones, CB (RS); John MacNeill, TB/DE; Chris McGrath, FB/LB; Dwayne Sabb, LB.

VILLANOVA

Coach: Andy Talley (12-1, 2 years; 40-19-1 overall, 7 years).

1986 Record: 8-1.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Loss: George Winslow, P.

Starters Returning: Offense (11): Paul Berardelli, G, 6-2/283, Jr.; Robert Brady, WR, 6-0/183, Soph.; Jim Cashman, TE, 6-2/236, Jr.; Tony Corbo, C, 6-1/247, Sr.; James Donaway, G, 6-2/258, Jr.; Greg Downs, FL, 5-8/165, Soph.; Jon Fletcher, T, 6-5/275, Jr.; Dave Pacitti, T, 6-5/281, Jr.; Gary Pascoe, FB, 6-2/214, Jr.; Kirk Schulz, QB, 6-3/195, Soph.; Ron Sency, TB, 5-10/175, Jr. **Defense (8):** Josef Allen, LB, 6-2/227, Jr.; Bill Buckley, LB, 6-1/222, Jr.; Paul Franco, T, 6-4/257, Soph.; Xavier Hargrove, CB, 5-10/181, Soph.; John O'Brien, T, 6-4/233, Jr.; Brian Reed, S, 6-0/193, Soph.; Richard Spugnardi, LB, 6-1/219, Jr.; Ted White, MG, 6-3/270, Sr.

Key Returnees: Paul Colonna, K, Soph.; Art Condodina, DB, Jr.; Jeff Dingle, TB, Soph.; Mike Feeley, DT, Jr.; Peter Lombardi, FB, Jr.; Bryan Russo, C, Soph.; Dave Stahl, OG, Jr.; Mickey Watson, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Robert Drysdale, LB; Kirk Johnson, LB; Tom Reid, LB (transfer/Syracuse); Scott Thompson, WR; Tom Withka, K; Jeremy Worrell, SE (RS/medical).



Quarterback Kirk Schulz helps give Villanova an air of respectability.

when he stepped in for an injured Wilder and threw for 433 yards in one game.

Tailback Doug Dorsey (923 yards) again will alternate series with Jim Fox (701 yards), and another dynamic duo should be the wide-receiving team of Sergio Hebra and Steve Roth.

Maine was first in the league in total defense last year, but eight starters are gone from that unit. Strong safety Rob Sterling is the mainstay.

Boston University is trying to regain league prominence after enduring a second straight losing season.

The Terriers have a good place to start—at tailback, where Randy Pettus returns as the Yankee's top rusher (based on yards gained per game, with Pettus showing an 87.4 average last year). Quarterback Pat Mancini, the top career passer in school history, also is back but will be without his leading two receivers of a year ago.

Tackle Kevin Murphy, the Yankee's Defensive Player of the Year in 1986, is gone, but secondary standout Mark Seals puts some bite in the Terriers' defense.

"We have to become consistent this year," Boston U. Coach Steve Stetson said. "We have to make teams work to beat us."

Rhode Island will try to do the same thing after a quick trip from the Yankee penthouse to the cellar.

"It was a combination of things," Rams Coach Bob Griffin explained of his team's fall from a 5-0 league mark in 1985 to a 0-7

finish in '86. "There's a tendency to forget how you got there, to be complacent. Plus, we had lost tremendous talent."

Last year, quarterback Greg Farland (six touchdown passes) found it tough to replace All-America Tom Ehrhardt (35 scoring passes in '85). One year removed, though, Farland may be ready to blossom. Also, in addition to the return of top receivers Bob Donfield, Jim Muse and Steve Schwab, Brian Forster—an All-America tight end two years ago—is back after taking off a season to work on academics.

Villanova will challenge four Yankee Conference teams in 1987 in its final season as an independent before beginning Yankee competition. The Wildcats, playing a modest schedule, have posted a 12-1 mark in the last two years.

"We're looking forward to stepping up to the next level," Coach Andy Talley said of the Wildcats, who dropped football after the 1980 season before resuming play in 1985. "Our goal is to make ourselves competitive in a real black-and-blue league."

The Wildcats already have a quality quarterback in sophomore Kirk Schulz and fine running backs in Ron Sency and Gary Pascoe. Sophomore wide receiver Robert Brady might be one of the best in the East before he's through.

"I guess right now most of the teams in the league see us as a 'homecoming game,'" Talley said, "but I think we'll be ready by '88." ■

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Gamble Pays Off Big

Talented Colgate Star Rushes Into National Spotlight

By SCOTT PITONIAK

During his recruiting visit to Colgate four years ago, Kenny Gamble was introduced to Rich Erenberg, the school's all-time leading rusher.

"I'm graduating just in time," Erenberg said as he shook the recruit's hand. "Why is that?" Gamble asked.

"Because you're going to break all my records by the time you're through here," answered Erenberg, who as a Red Raider netted 3,689 yards on the ground.

Gamble just smiled and shook his head. "Nobody told me that Rich also was a prophet," joked Gamble last spring when asked about the conversation. "Records were the furthest thing from my mind."

In retrospect, Erenberg's bold prediction now seems tame. With one season remaining and school-record totals of 3,809 yards rushing and 44 touchdowns to his credit (Erenberg had held the Colgate touchdown mark with 32), Gamble is within striking distance of several major national marks.

The 6-foot, 193-pound native of Holyoke, Mass., needs 1,525 yards rushing to supplant former Nevada-Reno back Frank Hawkins as NCAA Division I-AA's all-time rushing leader. That goal seems highly attainable, considering that Gamble ran for 1,816 yards last fall. The Colgate star is only 400 all-purpose yards away from eclipsing the record of 5,925 set by Pete Mandley of Northern Arizona. And with eight more touchdowns, Gamble would replace former Boston University standout Paul Lewis as I-AA's all-time touchdown leader.

"I never ever expected this kind of success," Gamble said. "When I came here, my primary concern was to get a degree and some playing time. It would have been foolish of me to come here thinking this was my ticket to the pros." Now, though, Gamble appears destined to follow in the footsteps of Erenberg, Marv Hubbard, Mark van Eeghen and other Red Raiders who have gone on to the National Football League.

Before that happens, Gamble hopes to help Colgate bounce back from a disappointing 4-7 season.

The Red Raiders were favored to win the Colonial League title in 1986 (the Colonial's first season), but they came apart when Coach Fred Dunlap was hospitalized with heart problems after the second game.

"Losing Coach D was a big blow," Gamble said. "He was our field general, the guy who got us ready for battle each Saturday."



Lehigh linebacker Kevin Rife (left) and Lafayette strong safety Mike Joseph rank among the top defenders in the Colonial League.

Dunlap is healthy again and trying to figure out ways to return the Red Raiders to the upper echelon of I-AA football (Colgate made the national playoffs in 1982 and 1983 and had gone 7-3-1 in 1985).

Colgate returns six offensive starters, including several outstanding performers at the skill positions. Gamble will be the offensive workhorse, but if teams try to focus on him they could get burned by the Red Raiders' passing game, which features improving junior quarterback Damon Phelan and All-Colonial flanker Buddy Brown.

The major question marks are along the offensive line, where four starters, including All-Colonial tackle Scott Lesperance and all-league center Erik Rosenmeier, have graduated. The only returning starter is guard Brian Smith.

Experience up front and at linebacker should help improve a Colgate defense that was burned for 40 or more points four times in 1986. The blue-chip players are linebacker Greg Manusky, who led the league with 162 tackles, tackle Tony Khalife and end Kyle Warwick. Manusky and Khalife were All-Colonial selections last fall.

The Red Raiders finished 12th nationally in rushing defense in '86, allowing just 104.6 ground yards per game. Colgate was extremely vulnerable to the pass, though, yielding 235.7 aerial yards per contest, and cornerback Sheldon Spicer is the only returning starter in the secondary.

Some observers wondered if Holy Cross could rebound last year from its 4-6-1 season of 1985 and the subsequent death of the Crusaders' coach, Rick Carter. But rebound the Crusaders did, thanks

in large part to rookie Coach Mark Duffner's handling of a delicate situation.

"He didn't ask us to forget Coach Carter," said Gordie Lockbaum, the Crusaders' multi-purpose star. "He asked us to remember him and the positive ways he had touched us. I think that helped bring us together and deal with it."

The Crusaders wound up winning the Colonial title with a 4-0 record and finishing 10-1 overall, their only loss coming to Division I-A Boston College.

With seven all-league players returning, Holy Cross is favored to repeat as Colonial champion. The focal point of the offense and defense again will be Lockbaum, who was a first-team All-America pick at both running back and defensive back in '86.

In the process, Lockbaum set school single-season records for all-purpose yards (2,173) and touchdowns (22). The Crusaders' offense also features vastly improved junior quarterback Jeff Wiley and All-Colonial split end Wally Dembowski. The line is anchored by all-league guard Ron George.

The strength of the defense is the secondary, where four all-league players are back. Besides Lockbaum, the Holy Cross backfield consists of Byron Dixon, Tom Estep and Dave Murphy. All-Colonial tackle Andy Martin is a force on the line.

Coach Bill Russo's Lafayette team went 6-5 last season, thanks largely to an opportunistic defense that intercepted 27 passes and an offense led by Bruce McIntyre's 1,287 rushing yards.

While McIntyre has graduated, Russo retains the heart of his defensive unit, headed by free safety Dave MacPhee (five interceptions), strong safety Mike

Joseph (who tied for the Colonial interception lead with seven) and big-play linebacker Horace Davis (four interceptions, two fumble recoveries and three sacks).

Offensively, the Leopards need help along the line and must find a replacement for tailback McIntyre. Frank Baur, who missed all of last season because of disciplinary reasons, returns at quarterback. As a freshman in 1985, Baur threw for 11 touchdowns while appearing in eight games (five of which he started). And wide receiver Phillip Ng is coming off a 41-reception season.

While Lafayette has some holes, Russo appears capable of guiding the Leopards to their seventh straight .500-or-better season; no other coach in Lafayette's 105-year football history has had more than five such seasons in a row.

Lehigh's offense again will center around tailback Lee Blum, a talented performer who has the misfortune of playing in a league that features the more-publicized Gamble and Lockbaum.

Blum finished third among Colonial rushers with 849 yards and also caught 40 passes.

Quarterback Mark McGowan was voted the league's top newcomer after completing nearly 60 percent of his passes and throwing for 1,589 yards and eight touchdowns. However, the junior will be battling Jim Harris for the starting position this fall. Harris started the first five games last season and tossed eight scoring passes before being sidelined with mononucleosis.

Guard Lou Chiarito and tackle Kent Weaver, a 6-foot-7, 280-pounder, head Lehigh's offensive line.

Linebacker Kevin Rife, cornerback Terry Williams and strong safety Gregg Wolfson are the top defenders for Coach Hank Small's squad.

The major challenges for **Bucknell** Coach George Landis will be to beef up his running game and try to improve overall team speed.

All-Colonial quarterback Jim Given gives the Bison a major offensive weapon, and tight end Scott Lillis and wide receiver George Long are proven pass-catchers.

The defense is spearheaded by all-league inside linebacker Greg Schiano. Other defenders to watch are tackle Harry Buell and cornerback Robert Hawkins (five interceptions).

Vic Gatto has experienced unbeaten seasons both as a player (Harvard) and coach (Tufts), but so far his two years at **Davidson** have resulted in only one victory in 20 games.

The Wildcats will begin their first season as a Colonial member—they formerly played in the Southern Conference—in the throes of an 11-game losing streak.

Sophomore quarterback Peter Hughes will direct Davidson's pass-happy attack. Hughes saw limited time last fall, throwing for 473 yards and four touchdowns for a Wildcat team that threw the ball nearly 38 times per game.

The Davidson defense is paced by linebackers Ken Nazemetz and Howard Humphries and noseguard Jeff Blanton. ■

BUCKNELL

Coach: George Landis (3-7, 1 year; 27-25-1 overall, 5 years).

1986 Record: 3-7; Colonial: 1-3/T4th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Earl Beecham, TB; Rich Carwinall, R; Tom Dominick, FB; Doug Fastuca, LB; Mike Morrow, WR; Mike Teeter, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Ed Foley, G, 6-0/250, Jr.; Greg Gaines, T, 6-2/255, Jr.; Jon Gardner, C, 6-4/255, Jr.; Jim Given, QB, 6-1/185, Sr.; Scott Lillis, TE, 6-3/215, Sr.; George Long, WR, 5-11/185, Sr.; Dan Meenan, G, 6-2/250, Jr.; Chris Oberg, T, 6-2/240, Sr. **Defense (8):** Harry Buell, T, 6-1/240, Sr.; Rob Canestrari, NG, 6-0/240, Sr.; John Carey, CB, 6-2/180, Soph.; Chris Hackley, LB, 6-3/205, Jr.; Robert Hawkins, CB, 5-11/185, Jr.; Bill Levine, T, 6-2/245, Sr.; Jim McCloy, S, 6-1/190, Jr.; Greg Schiano, LB, 6-0/225, Sr.

Key Returnees: Steve Barimo, K, Soph.; Scott Gilleland, LB, Jr.; Alvin McCoy, CB, Soph.; Walter Reese, NG, Sr.

HOLY CROSS

Coach: Mark Duffner (10-1, 1 year).

1986 Record: 10-1; Colonial: 4-0/1st.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Frank Kutschke, OG; Chris Lucas, S; Jerry McCabe, LB; Scott Rudy, LB; Steve Southard, MG; Billy Young, K.

Starters Returning: Offense (10): Craig Clarkin, C, 6-2/237, Sr.; Wally Dembowski, SE, 6-0/190, Sr.; Ron George, G, 6-2/253, Sr.; Lee Hull, FL, 6-0/186, Sr.; Tom Kelleher, FB, 6-1/234, Sr.; Gordie Lockbaum, TB, 5-11/195, Sr.; Jim Miller, T, 6-3/279, Sr.; Randy Pedro, TE, 6-3/225, Jr.; Mark Stoy, T, 6-1/250, Jr.; Jeff Wiley, QB, 5-10/167, Jr. **Defense (7):** Byron Dixon, CB, 6-0/187, Sr.; Tom Estep, S, 6-0/189, Sr.; Mike Jednak, T, 6-3/236, Sr.; Jim Kelly, E, 6-4/230, Sr.; Gordie Lockbaum, CB, 5-11/195, Sr.; Andy Martin, T, 6-3/234, Sr.; Tom Smith, E, 6-2/213, Jr.

Key Returnees: Willie Bradford, TB, Soph.; Tim Donovan, TB, Soph.; Julio Fernandez, DB, Jr.; Tom Gilardi, MG, Soph.; Rick Lane, WR, Sr.; Dave Murphy, DB, Soph.; Mike Savage, OL, Sr. **Top Newcomers:** Maury Bonner, CB; Craig Callahan, LB; Darrell Dees, CB; Scott Kania, K; Josh Schaad, LB; Keith Webb, FB.

COLGATE

Coach: Fred Dunlap (70-45-3, 7 years; 119-107-5 overall, 22 years).

1986 Record: 4-7; Colonial: 1-3/T4th.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Eric Anderson, OT; Steve Bauman, DE; Scott Bleczinski, S; Barry Chubb, FB; Dennis Kelly, CB; Scott Lesperance, OT; Scott Montross, S; Erik Rosenmeier, C; Alan Swan, OG; Tim Walsh, SE.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Buddy Brown, FL, 5-9/157, Sr.; Kenny Gamble, TB, 6-0/193, Sr.; Mike Orie, TE, 6-1/215, Sr.; Damon Phelan, QB, 6-0/168, Jr.; Kyle Sanborn, TE, 6-3/221, Jr.; Brian Smith, G, 6-2/270, Sr. **Defense (8):** Brian Douglas, T, 5-11/236, Jr.; Matt Jaworski, LB, 6-1/220, Jr.; Tony Khalife, T, 6-2/255, Sr.; Greg Manuskus, LB, 6-3/233, Sr.; Dan Nole, LB, 6-2/228, Jr.; George Sanker, LB (switched to DB), 5-10/204, Soph.; Sheldon Spicer, CB, 5-9/179, Sr.; Kyle Warwick, E, 6-3/215, Sr.

Key Returnees: Brian Carroll, FL, Jr.; Don Charney, P, Jr.

LAFAYETTE

Coach: Bill Russo (39-25, 6 years; 54-40 overall, 9 years).

1986 Record: 6-5; Colonial: 2-2/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Charles Brantley, DE; Joe Coffey, DE/LB; Ken Ennis, OG; Joe Genduso, P; Bill McClarnon, OT; Bruce McIntyre, HB; Ryan Priest, HB; Mike Renzi, K; Chris Thatcher, OT; Joe Yanek, DB.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Fred Brown, G (switched to T), 6-4/288, Jr.; Jim Johnson, SE, 6-3/189, Sr.; Gerry Lofstead, TE (switched to G), 6-3/291, Soph.; Phillip Ng, WR, 6-0/195, Sr.; Andy Nygren, C, 6-2/249, Jr.; Paul Strunclus, QB, 6-0/210, Sr. **Defense (8):** Craig Beasley, E, 6-0/233, Jr.; Horace Davis, LB, 6-1/208, Sr.; Matt Higgins, T, 6-3/240, Jr.; Walt Johnston, DB, 6-1/193, Soph.; Mike Joseph, S, 6-0/200, Sr.; Chris LaPietra, T, 6-1/226, Jr.; Dave MacPhee, S, 5-11/193, Sr.; Mike Shumaker, LB, 5-11/217, Sr.

Key Returnees: Frank Baur, QB, Soph.; Daryl Boich, LB, Soph.; Keith Grant, DE, Soph.; Mike Ogle, DE, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Chris Geary, P/QB; Jim Hodson, K; Eric Lund, FB; Marcus Sellers, HB.

DAVIDSON

Coach: Vic Gatto (1-19, 2 years; 49-64-4 overall, 14 years).

1986 Record: 0-9.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Marcus Allen, DE; Steve Bradley, QB; David Fuller, OG; Mike Jones, RB; Doug Neil, DB; Charles Showers, DT; Gary Stewart, DB; Shan Teel, WR; Cole Thomason, DE.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Gat Caperton, C, 6-6/242, Soph.; Kevin Donnalley, T, 6-5/235, Soph.; Aaron Edwards, TB, 5-9/268, Sr.; Ian Filiss, FB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Michael Gross, SE, 6-2/181, Jr.; Peter Hughes, QB, 6-0/180, Soph.; Brian Kelly, FB, 5-11/207, Soph.; Bryan Overcash, FL, 5-11/175, Jr. **Defense (6):** Jeff Blanton, NG, 6-0/240, Sr.; Ray Boyet, E, 6-3/215, Soph.; Howard Humphries, LB, 6-0/208, Sr.; Ken Nazemetz, LB, 6-1/205, Soph.; Jim Ruark, S, 5-9/176, Sr.; Harry Schiavi, S, 5-9/182, Soph.

Key Returnee: Eric Crowley, RB/S, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Paul Byrne, NG/OG; Tony Hubbard, LB; Tony Lambert, OG; Ryan Robertson, LB; Mark Skocynski, QB.

LEHIGH

Coach: Hank Small (5-6, 1 year).

1986 Record: 5-6; Colonial: 2-2/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Steve Apa, LB; Greg Casten, SE; Matt Cichocki, S; Bob Fithian, CB; Mike Kosko, DT; Randy Miller, TE; Perry Smith, LB; Jeff Supp, LB; Mike Szymanski, C; Joe Uliana, OT.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Lee Blum, TB, 5-8/185, Jr.; Lou Chiarito, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Rich Curtis, FB, 5-9/210, Jr.; Aaron Frantz, G, 6-3/245, Sr.; John Gorman, FL, 5-10/170, Jr.; Mark McGowan, QB, 6-2/185, Jr.; Kent Weaver, T, 6-7/280, Jr. **Defense (5):** Glenn Comisac, S, 5-11/175, Jr.; Don Ferrell, NG, 6-0/240, Sr.; Pete Pawlenko, T, 6-2/250, Jr.; Kevin Rife, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Terry Williams, CB, 6-1/180, Jr.

Key Returnees: Steve Banco, P/DB, Sr.; Mike Beattie, K, Sr.; Keith Curtis, LB, Sr.; Steve Ellis, FL, Sr.; Jim Harris, QB, Jr.; Chris Hite, LB, Jr.; Gregg Wolfson, S, Jr.

Year of the Running Back

Mid-Eastern Title Could Be Decided On the Ground

By DONALD HUNT

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference has been known over the years for producing outstanding linemen, defensive backs and wide receivers. But this could be the year of the running back in the MEAC.

North Carolina A&T Coach Mo Forte said he believes the league title could be decided on the ground.

"We have some fine runners in this league," Forte said. "If the pro scouts want to see some great running backs, they've got to come to the MEAC. The backs could play a key role in deciding a lot of close games. A couple years ago, you may have thrown for a crucial touchdown, but that's definitely going to change this season."

The league features such great backs as Delaware State's Terrance Hoover and Reggie Barnes, North Carolina A&T's Stoney Polite, Bethune-Cookman's Kevin Finnie and Florida A&M's Reggie Jones. But **Howard** may have the best of the bunch.

"Overall, I think Howard has the finest backfield in the league with Harvey Reed and Ronnie Epps," Forte said. "These guys make Howard a very difficult team to beat."

South Carolina State Coach Dennis Thomas agreed.

"Both players are very dangerous runners," Thomas said. "They can break loose at any time. Everybody is going to have their hands full trying to stop them. They're capable of leading them to the championship."

Howard finished strong last season, winning seven consecutive games, largely because of Reed and Epps. Reed rushed for 1,386 yards, averaging 7.7 yards per carry, and needs just 494 yards to become the league's career rushing leader. The All-MEAC pick also scored 18 touchdowns. Epps, a fine blocking fullback, paved the way for Reed while picking up 474 yards.

"They complement each other very well," Bison Coach Willie Jeffries said. "Harvey is a terrific outside runner. He does a good job of turning the corner. Ronnie's a great blocker and inside runner."

Junior quarterback Lee Debose will be expected to put the offense—which led the league in rushing, scoring and total offense a year ago—in high gear. Though Debose completed only 44.7 percent of his passes for 990 yards, he generally was able to keep the offense moving.

"Lee has improved each year," Jeffries said. "He's become a fine leader....

We're basically a running team, but you're going to see him put the ball in the air."

Debose has two surehanded receivers in sophomore Derrick Faison, who averaged 27.7 yards per catch last year, and senior Curtis Chappell, an All-MEAC kick returner. Faison will be the Bison's big-play receiver, Chappell a possession receiver who runs shorter routes.

All-MEAC guard Eric Moore bolsters a huge line.

"I think experience is the key factor with the offensive line," Jeffries said. "These guys have really learned their blocking schemes over the last two years. We have good size across the front. We average close to 300 pounds. We believe that's pretty big for our league."

The Bison led the conference in scoring defense in 1986. Returning from that defense are All-MEAC linebacker Marty Graves, tackle William Dore and seven other starters.

"We have some good players on both sides of the line," Jeffries said. "If we can get off to a good start, we've got a chance to win this thing."

A year ago, **North Carolina A&T** won "this thing." Forte is fortunate to have back quarterback Alan Hooker, the MEAC Offensive Player of the Year, although he will have to find a new receiver for Hooker. All-MEAC pick Herbert Harbison has completed his eligibility.

"He was a terrific player," Forte said, "but we've got some people who can catch the ball."

One is junior Anthony Best, who caught 36 passes for 391 yards last year.

"Anthony is capable of giving us the quick score," Forte said. "Alan can definitely get him the ball deep. He's got one of the strongest arms in the country."

The offensive line returns three starters, including standout tackle Kelvin Lee. He will be opening holes for halfback Stoney Polite, who rushed for 811 yards and scored 16 touchdowns a year ago.

"He's got the potential to rush for over 1,000 yards," Forte said. "I think Stoney would have reached that mark last year, but we threw the ball quite a bit."

The Aggies are strongest defensively at linebacker and in the backfield. Linebackers Rawle Burnett and Demetrius Harrison combined for 173 tackles last fall. The secondary, however, did not pick off many passes. Cornerback Joe Summers led the Aggies with three.

Like Howard, **Delaware State** will present a strong ground attack. All-MEAC fullback Terrance Hoover (1,086 yards rushing last fall), halfback Reggie Barnes (734 yards) and Pat Casey (520) are all dangerous runners.

"There's no secret to what we're going to do offensively this year," Hornets Coach Bill Collick said.

All-MEAC guard Tony Danzey heads an offensive line that lost two starters. The

Hornets also have a strong kicking game with All-MEAC placekicker David Parkinson and All-MEAC punter John Lane.

Delaware State had four all-conference defenders last year, and only one is gone (safety Joe Burton). Returning are a tremendous pair of ends, Robert Presbury and Lybrant Robinson, and linebacker-turned-defensive back Kevin Bryant.

"We have to strengthen a few areas like our secondary," Collick said.

South Carolina State's Thomas said defense should keep the Bulldogs in a number of games this fall.

"We're going to be very aggressive," Thomas said. "We're going to try to stop the run. Our conference has so many good running backs. We want to stop them on first down and then (make them) put the ball in the air."

Leading the defense are All-MEAC cornerback Dwayne Harper, safety Charles Barksdale and All-MEAC linebacker Leroy Mathis.

"They like to hit," Thomas said.

With big question marks at quarterback and up front, the Bulldogs could struggle offensively. All-conference tight end Robert Tyler is the best of the returnees.

Bethune-Cookman's passing game will suffer with the loss of All-MEAC wide receiver Remi Watson. But Coach Larry Little's backfield is solid with quarterback Greg Ross and running back Kevin Finnie (808 yards rushing).

Two starting defensive backs (Avery McCree and Chris Stewart) return from the unit that helped the Wildcats lead Division I-AA in pass defense last year. But only one other starter returns, making the defense a weakness overall.

Florida A&M has rejoined the league after playing an independent schedule the last three years. The Rattlers, who will play only two conference games (Bethune-Cookman and South Carolina State), won't be eligible to win the MEAC title until 1988.

Coach Ken Riley's top priority is to choose a new quarterback between juniors Andre Williams and Oscar Williams. "It's going to be a good battle," Riley said.

Either quarterback will have the pleasure of handing off to fullback Reggie Jones, who should rank with the league's other top running backs this fall. The Rattlers also should be strong defensively with the return of seven starters.

At **Morgan State**, Coach Jesse Thomas still is trying to field a competitive team. But the return of 20 starters—including All-MEAC safety Alton Gowdy, cornerback Vernon Beard, defensive tackle William Foye and running back Marco Kornegay—could give the Bears a shot at a respectable season.

"If our defense can keep us close," Thomas said, "hopefully we'll be able to steal a couple of games." ■

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BETHUNE - COOKMAN

Coach: Larry Little (20-19-1, 4 years).

1986 Record: 3-8; MEAC: 2-3/5th.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Marcus Brown, DB; Johnny Butts, LB; Moises Cuxart, OT; Donava Fann, OT; Harvard Firsher, DB; Mark Irvin, DB; Errol Laster, LB; Greg Moss, DL; Dwight Oliver, DL; Craig Smith, LB; Remi Watson, WR.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Wallace Aristide, C, 6-1/255, Sr.; Obie Bullard, RB, 5-10/205, Sr.; Kevin Finnie, RB, 5-9/175, Jr.; Michael Floyd, G/T, 6-3/255, Jr.; Greg Ross, QB, 6-3/200, Sr.; Anthony Thomas, QB, 6-2/200, Jr.; Stevie Thomas, WR, 6-2/175, Soph.; Altoine Wilson, TE, 6-5/220, Jr. **Defense (3):** Tommy King, NT, 5-11/285, Jr.; Avery McCree, DB, 6-2/170, Sr.; Chris Stewart, DB, 5-11/175, Sr.

Key Returnees: Alex Armenteros, DB, Jr.; Ron Edwards, LB, Jr.; Melvin Ford, TE, Soph. (RS/kidney); Manny Manolas, K, Jr.; Greg Taylor, WR, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Terry Howard, DT (JC); Ernest Williams, WR.



Howard's Curtis Chappell.

MORGAN STATE

Coach: Jesse Thomas (1-18, 2 years).

1986 Record: 1-9; MEAC: 0-5/6th.

Offense: Wing-T. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Charles Brooks, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (10): Bruce Battle, RB, 5-9/175, Sr.; Reginald Burgess, WR, 5-9/165, Sr.; Brent Carter, C, 6-1/235, Sr.; Anthony Clark, T, 6-2/260, Jr.; Daryl Jackson, QB, 6-1/188, Soph.; Marco Kornegay, RB, 5-9/178, Jr.; Calvin Montgomery, T, 6-2/285, Jr.; Paul Pendergast, G, 6-0/260, Sr.; Lester Wells, G, 6-0/265, Soph.; Byron Wickham, TE, 6-0/195, Sr. **Defense (10):** Vernon Beard, CB, 5-10/190, Jr.; David Crawford, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Scott Dingle, S, 5-10/185, Jr.; James Felton, T, 6-2/240, Jr.; William Foye, T, 6-0/240, Jr.; Edward Gough, LB, 5-10/220, Soph.; Alton Gowdy, S, 5-10/180, Sr.; Timothy Hanks, DL, 6-1/225, Jr.; Bruce Lewis, LB, 6-0/170, Soph.; Julian Perkins, DE, 6-0/190, Sr.

Key Returnees: George Allen, OG, Jr.; Ilyia Jones, OT, Soph.; Bruce Lewis, LB, Soph.; Aaron Pretlow, RB, Soph.; Elgin Ransom, DL, Soph.; Tim Smalls, K, Jr.; Donald Smith, P, Sr.; Chris Wheeler, WR, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Walter Bland, WR; Ronald Covington, OL/DL; James Dozier, DE; Derrick Jackson, RB (RS/academic); Nathaniel Parham, S (transfer/Virginia State).

DELAWARE STATE

Coach: Bill Collick (16-6, 2 years).

1986 Record: 7-4; MEAC: 3-2/T2nd.

Offense: Wing-T. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Jerome Baker, QB; Joe Burton, S; Dan Candeloro, DT; Mike Cherry, DB; Gerald Cordova, TE; Todd Drew, LB; Roger Johnson, OT; Chris Jones, C; Andre Williams, LB; Ed Williams, DL.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Reggie Barnes, HB, 5-11/202, Jr.; Tony Danzey, G, 6-1/255, Sr.; Mike Delon, TE, 6-4/207, Soph.; Tim Edgerton, SE, 6-0/160, Soph.; Terrance Hoover, FB, 5-9/205, Sr.; Neal Judkins, G, 6-0/286, Sr.; Charles Primas, T, 6-5/315, Sr.; Mike Walker, QB, 6-2/195, Jr. **Defense (7):** Derek Andrews, LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Marvin Bright, DB, 6-4/200, Jr.; Kevin Bryant, DB, 6-4/200, Jr.; Charles Loney, T, 6-2/320, Sr.; Robert Presbury, E, 6-2/252, Jr.; Lybrant Robinson, E, 6-5/220, Sr.; Willie Sheppard, DB, 6-2/177, Sr.

Key Returnees: Clint Bethea, LB, Soph.; Mark Bramble, DL, Soph.; Pat Casey, RB, Sr.; Jerald Curd, DB, Soph.; Eric Dines, DB, Sr.; Elvis Hines, DB, Jr.; Reggie Johnson, DB, Fr. (RS); John Lane, P, Sr.; Gavin Milligan, DB, Soph.; David Parkinson, K, Jr.; Michael Riddick, RB, Soph.

Top Newcomer: Diamond Saunders, OT (JC).

HOWARD

Coach: Willie Jeffries (14-18, 3 years; 85-63-6 overall, 14 years).

1986 Record: 8-3; MEAC: 3-2/T2nd.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Reggie Miles, DT; Curtis Stokes, DE; Kevin Weeks, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (11): Pat Boyd, G, 6-2/321, Jr.; Dwight Brunson, C, 6-1/260, Jr.; Curtis Chappell, WR, 6-0/174, Sr.; Lee Debose, QB, 5-10/175, Jr.; Ronnie Epps, FB, 5-10/210, Sr.; Derrick Faison, WR, 6-3/190, Soph.; Jimmie Johnson, TE, 6-2/236, Jr.; Garry Martin, T, 6-3/270, Jr.; Eric Moore, G, 6-2/320, Sr.; Roy Pierson, T, 6-5/307, Sr.; Harvey Reed, RB, 6-0/180, Sr. **Defense (9):** William Dores, T, 6-0/270, Sr.; Walter Gaskins, LB, 6-1/185, Soph.; Marty Graves, LB, 6-2/215, Soph.; Sheldon Hamilton, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Robert Hancock, DB, 6-0/188, Soph.; Marvin Jackson, LB, 6-1/200, Sr.; Willie Johnson, DB, 6-2/175, Jr.; Thomas Jones, DB, 6-0/175, Soph.; James Moore, T, 6-2/265, Soph.

Key Returnees: Mike Clarrington, LB, Jr.; James Garland, LB, Soph.; John Harvell, K, Soph.; John Jarvis, RB, Sr.; Fred Killings, RB, Jr.; Anthony Scott, DB, Jr.; Calvert Thomas, OT, Sr.; Gary Willingham, DE, Soph.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

Coach: Mo Forte (22-31-1, 5 years).

1986 Record: 9-2; MEAC: 4-1/1st.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Chris Barber, CB; Deangelo Bell, OT; Herbert Harbison, WR; Jim Jones, DT; Calos Judge, OT; Bobby McCain, OG; Frank Newman, DT; Ernest Riddick, NG.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Anthony Best, WR, 6-0/185, Jr.; Kenneth Canion, G, 6-3/265, Sr.; Marvin Christian, C, 6-2/240, Sr.; Alan Hooker, QB, 6-2/192, Sr.; Juan Jackson, TB, 5-10/190, Sr.; Joe Johnson, TE, 6-1/225, Sr.; Kelvin Lee, T, 6-4/290, Sr.; Stoney Polite, FB, 5-10/205, Sr. **Defense (9):** Brian Bowden, S, 6-0/185, Jr.; Rawle Burnett, LB, 6-0/205, Soph.; Vernon Davis, LB, 6-3/240, Jr.; Rodney Dickerson, T, 6-3/260, Sr.; Demetrius Harrison, LB, 6-4/215, Soph.; Edward Hooker, S, 5-10/170, Sr.; Broderick Rouse, CB, 6-1/185, Jr.; Joe Summerset, CB, 5-9/160, Jr.; Demont Vann, LB, 6-4/220, Jr.

Key Returnees: Judas Best, NG, Sr.; Craig Holloway, DL, Soph.; Mike Leathers, LB, Soph.; Dedrick McDonald, LB, Soph.; Mike Mobley, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Kirk Graham, DL; Dorraine Harris, RB; Stanley Hicks, DL; Anthony Parker, QB.

FLORIDA A&M

Coach: Ken Riley (5-6, 1 year).

1986 Record: 5-6.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Gene Atkins, S; Antonio Barber, TB; Raymond Coleman, NT; Rod Dawson, P; Maurice Freeman, K; Robert Gentile, SE; Patrick Hargrett, LB; Richard Lawson, OT; Leroy Montgomery, C; Bruce Norflee, DT; Vernice Smith, OG; Ricky West, TE.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Rodney Bolling, FL, 5-7/145, Jr.; Charles Godron, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; Reggie Jones, FB, 6-2/220, Sr.; John Jordan, G, 6-0/260, Jr.; Andre Williams, QB, 6-0/185, Jr. **Defense (7):** Brian Brewer, E, 6-6/225, Soph.; Lowell Crawford, CB, 5-8/161, Soph.; William Evers, CB, 6-1/185, Soph.; Matthew Fair, S, 6-3/190, Sr.; Lamar Glover, LB, 6-0/230, Jr.; Lawrence Jett, LB, 6-2/220, Jr.; Ed Metcalf, LB, 6-1/230, Jr.

Key Returnees: Howard Huckaby, WR, Soph.; Terrance Lundy, DL, Soph.; Vince Montgomery, LB, Sr.; Bryan Moore, TB, Sr.; Herb Moore, DL, Soph.; Oscar Williams, QB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Patrick Daye, DL; Tony Ezell, QB; Rod Jackson, QB (RS); Greg Jefferson, WR; Darrell Sanford, OL (RS); James Vertuno, K.



South Carolina State's Robert Tyler.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Coach: Dennis Thomas (5-6, 1 year).

1986 Record: 5-6; MEAC: 3-2/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Gary Bridges, C; Roscoe Darnell, QB; Edwin Glass, WR; Charles Glaze, QB; Harley Griffin, OG; Antonio Harris, NG; Rusty Hinton, OT; Victor Ishmael, OG.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): William Dubose, RB, 6-0/207, Jr.; Roy Ferguson, T, 5-11/280, Sr.; Eric Smith, WR, 5-10/160, Jr.; Michael Summers, RB, 6-2/220, Sr.; Robert Tyler, TE, 6-5/253, Sr. **Defense (8):** David Ammons, T, 6-2/263, Jr.; Charles Barksdale, S, 5-10/208, Jr.; Tony Gregory, S, 5-10/185, Jr.; Dwayne Harper, CB, 5-10/163, Sr.; Leroy Mathis, LB, 6-2/206, Sr.; Roy Norman, CB, 5-8/160, Jr.; Anthony Reynolds, LB, 6-1/205, Soph.; Herbert Schofield, LB, 6-3/217, Sr.

Key Returnees: Jimmy Buchanan, LB, Soph.; Darrell Corbin, LB, Sr.; James Darby, RB, Jr. (RS/medical); Marco Elliott, DL, Jr.; Nate Irvin, DL, Sr.; James Miller, RB, Sr.; Austin Stewart, OL, Sr.; Zachary Whitley, RB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Michael English, OL/DL; Gregory Henderson, OL/DL; Jamal Isom, DB; Thongiom Pounthana, K; Sidney Varner, OL/DL.

An Offensive Defense

Appalachian State Makes Opponents Pay for Mistakes

By GLENN ROLLINS

Appalachian State has climbed into the nation's Division I-AA football consciousness the last two seasons with a defensive philosophy that is downright offensive.

The Mountaineers have had an incredible plus-51 turnover ratio in that time, taking the ball away from opponents 74 times and giving it up only 23 times. They led the nation in turnover margin both seasons.

In 1985, Appalachian State went 8-3 while causing 38 turnovers and committing only 10. Then last season, when the Mountaineers went 9-1-1 en route to their first Southern Conference championship and proceeded to the first round of the I-AA playoffs, where they lost to Nicholls State, their regular-season turnover margin was 36-13.

"Our attitude," Coach Sparky Woods said, "is that whichever team is closest to the other's goal is on offense."

That mentality also is a big part of a rush-the-punter effort that they have plied for a blocked-punt margin of 14-1 in two seasons.

Up to now, those stunningly successful tactics have enabled Woods to get by with a conservative offense that has featured All-America tailback John Settle. The trend should continue to some degree because all but two key members of the special teams and most of last year's key defenders return.

But the loss of Settle, the league's all-time leading rusher, will hurt. He fumbled only twice in the last two years.

Woods, however, envisions a more balanced offense that might be even more productive than last season. He appears to have the guns to make it work.

One is senior quarterback Todd Payton, a two-year starter who completed 50 percent of his 150 passes for 1,013 yards and seven touchdowns in a ball-control offense last season. But the question persisted through spring practice whether he can be more productive in a stepped-up passing attack.

That's why sophomore Tommy Laurendine, a prolific prep passer, came out of the spring challenging for the starting spot. He played in only three games last season, but his passing led a comeback victory in his only start.

Two excellent runners will alternate in Settle's spot—sophomore Ritchie Melchor and junior Tim Sanders, the team's No. 2 and 3 rushers, respectively, last fall. They will work behind a powerful line that lost only all-conference tackle Mike Callaway

and gains 1985 All-Southern tackle James Hardman, who missed last season with a knee injury.

All-conference tackle Anthony Downs and end Dennis Sanders bolster a strong defensive front, while Kenny Blacknell is solid at linebacker.

Furman, which had won five of the last six conference titles, slipped to third last season but still made the I-AA playoffs. The Paladins, who lost in the first round to Eastern Kentucky, could improve this year if they find a take-charge quarterback.

Chris Speaks, a sharp option man, became the starter in the seventh game when Keith Moore's season interception total mounted to 12. Speaks then led the Paladins to a 4-1-1 finish. But both seniors were pushed in the spring by junior Patrick Baynes, who appears to be a better combination pass-run threat.

All-Southern tailback Robbie Gardner is gone, but the Paladins' ground attack will get a boost from redshirt junior John Bagwell, who sat out last season with a knee injury. Bagwell set a I-AA championship game record with four touchdowns in a 44-42 loss to Georgia Southern in 1985.

The offensive line was decimated by graduation, although all-conference guard Alex Albert returns.

With the loss of All-Southern defensive backs Jerome Norris and Steve Squire, the Paladins probably won't lead the conference in interceptions again. But Coach Jimmy Satterfield was pleased with the way three secondary vacancies were filled in the spring. All-Southern picks Phillip Ferguson (noseguard) and Darryl Gardner (linebacker) make the defense powerful elsewhere.

With the return of 15 starters—including nine on offense—**UT-Chattanooga** is trying to come back from its first losing season since 1974.

Coach Buddy Nix plans to pass more this fall. The key is whether quarterback Brad Patterson can complete more than 45.3 percent of his passes, which he did as a late-season starter last year.

Center Joe Kelly and guard Scott Campbell lead a strong offensive line that will block for tailback Darryl Streeter and fullback Steve Colwell.

The defensive line will be all new, but the secondary returns intact. Linebacker Willie Greenway was an all-conference pick as a sophomore a year ago.

Western Carolina is talented and two-deep at every position except three key ones in Coach Bob Waters' pro-style attack: quarterback, tight end and fullback.

Sophomore quarterback Todd Cottrell, son of Catamounts basketball Coach Steve Cottrell, came out of spring practice slightly ahead of senior Kenny Edwards.

When the Catamounts pass, many will be thrown in the direction of Vincent Nowell. The All-Southern wide receiver

caught 53 passes for 763 yards a year ago.

All-Southern guard Steve Hall returns to bolster an outstanding line. Western Carolina has another offensive standout in All-America placekicker Kirk Roach, who led the nation by booting 24 of 28 field-goal attempts last year. He needs 19 more to break the I-AA career record.

Eight defensive starters return, with the bulk of the talent up front. Tackle Chris Spach and end Geno Segers are young and impressive.

Another team with lots of returning talent is **Marshall**. Coach George Chaump's team has the potential to contend for the league title with the return of 18 starters and all the specialty players.

Quarterbacks Tony Petersen and John Gregory were erratic with a combined 20 interceptions and 14 touchdown passes last year, but either is a big plus. The receiving corps is well stocked. Heading the list is All-Southern split end Mike Barber, who caught 64 passes for 1,180 yards and seven touchdowns as a sophomore in 1986.

One key to the Thundering Herd's success is an improved running game. Fullback Darryl DeBoes and tailback Ron Darby will try to help there.

The Thundering Herd secondary intercepted a school-record 22 passes last season, including eight by junior cornerback Reggie Giles. Another defensive standout is linebacker John Spellacy.

After going 0-10-1 in Coach Mike Ayers' first season in 1985, **East Tennessee State** bounced back to a post a 6-5 record.

Most of the key players responsible for that turnaround return, including quarterback Jeff Morgan, wide receiver Cedric Solomon, running back Roosevelt Way (598 yards rushing as a redshirt freshman), safety Rick Harris and linebacker Albert English.

The Citadel was winless in the conference last season, but new Coach Charlie Taaffe spent the spring installing the wishbone he had made so successful as Army's offensive coordinator. He also wants more aggressiveness on both sides of the ball.

Taaffe has the league's best player in All-America defensive tackle Scott Thompson, who was in on 183 tackles last fall. Tailback-turned-fullback Warren McGrier has led the team in rushing and receiving the last two seasons.

Virginia Military Institute might have become a contender this fall, but Coach Eddie Williamson lost eight top players for various reasons between Christmas and the end of spring practice. The Keydets still should be exciting if they can pass block.

Quarterback Dave Brown is back after passing for 1,995 yards as a sophomore last year. His main target was senior split end Mark Stock, who caught 45 passes for 1,123 yards. ■

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APPALACHIAN STATE

Coach: Sparky Woods (21-12-1, 3 years).
1986 Record: 9-1-1; Southern: 6-0-1/1st.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Jimmy Armstrong, CB; Mike Callaway, OT; Cedric Felton, LB; Chris Melick, DE; Russell Payne, TE; John Settle, TB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Doug Beaty, FB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Bob Bigger, G, 6-4/230, Sr.; Wardell Jefferson, FL, 6-1/203, Jr.; Ron Johnson, T, 6-4/272, Jr.; Robert Joyce, G, 6-3/260, Sr.; Todd Payton, QB, 6-2/181, Sr.; Terry Poore, C, 6-4/260, Sr. **Defense (6):** Kenny Blacknell, LB, 6-3/240, Sr.; Chris Conner, T, 6-3/252, Soph.; Anthony Downs, T, 6-2/275, Sr.; Leonard Lee, S, 5-11/198, Sr.; Dennis Sanders, E, 6-2/220, Sr.; Sam Sanders, LB, 5-10/195, Jr.
Key Returnees: Quincy Bethea, DB, Sr.; Dexter Brown, OG, Sr.; Rayford Cannon, DL, Sr.; Keith Collins, CB, Soph.; Mike Day, C, Sr.; James Hardman, OT, Sr. (RS/knee); Jason Harkins, P, Soph.; Chuck Hill, DB, Sr.; Tommy Laurendine, QB, Soph.; Ritchie Melchor, TB, Soph.; Mark Moore, FS, Soph.; Bjorn Nittmo, K, Jr.; Mickey Ray, LB, Sr.; Frank Roberts, DL, Soph. (RS/hand, knee); Tim Sanders, TB, Jr.; Jimmy Snowden, DT, Jr.; Sam Wesley, FL, Jr.; Steve Wilkes, TE, Sr.
Top Newcomer: Mark Mayo, DB.



Western Carolina's Kirk Roach.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

Coach: Buddy Nix (16-17, 3 years).
1986 Record: 4-7; Southern: 2-4/6th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Ricky Butler, NG; Tim Couch, QB; Wayne Koontz, WR; Mike Makins, DT; Greg Moore, DE; Conrad Stokes, DT; Spanky Thomas, DE.
Starters Returning: **Offense (9):** Quinton Alford, FL, 5-8/175, Jr.; Scott Campbell, G, 6-2/260, Sr.; Steve Colwell, FB, 5-10/210, Sr.; Mark Durby, G, 6-0/235, Jr.; Joe Kelly, C, 6-2/250, Sr.; Travis McNeal, TE, 6-3/230, Soph.; Doug Miller, T, 6-2/255, Jr.; Ben Smith, T, 6-4/260, Sr.; Darryl Streeter, TB, 5-8/161, Jr. **Defense (6):** Willie Greenway, LB, 5-11/202, Jr.; Bobby Grier, S, 6-1/195, Jr.; Junior Jackson, LB, 6-0/232, Soph.; Mike Lowman, CB, 5-11/185, Jr.; Marlon Riggins, S, 6-0/190, Jr.; Reggie Solomon, CB, 5-9/175, Sr.
Key Returnees: Zach Ervin, LB, Sr. (RS/knee); Brad Patterson, QB, Jr.; Billy Smith, P, Jr.; Dennis Waters, K, Soph.

THE CITADEL

Coach: Charlie Taaffe (first year at The Citadel).
1986 Record: 3-8; Southern: 0-6/8th.
Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Kip Allen, QB; Greg Davis, P.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Carlos Avalos, G, 6-2/250, Sr.; Scott Dennis, T, 6-3/280, Sr.; Tom Froman, HB, 6-1/210, Jr.; Ron Galvin, WR, 6-4/165, Soph.; Warren McGrier, FB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Harold Singleton, WR (switched to HB), 6-2/170, Jr. **Defense (10):** Rob Brodsky, T, 6-4/225, Jr.; Gene Brown, S (switched to QB), 6-1/170, Jr.; Rick Campbell, NG, 6-2/225, Sr.; J.D. Cauthen, S, 6-0/170, Jr.; Vernon Jones, CB (switched to HB), 6-0/180, Sr.; Mike Kissenberth, E, 6-3/210, Sr.; Matt Larkin, LB, 6-3/205, Jr.; Pete Long, LB, 5-11/200, Jr.; Lance Thompson, E, 6-2/200, Sr.; Scott Thompson, T, 6-5/270, Sr. **Key Returnees:** Ed Allison, DT, Soph.; Hank Burriss, K/P, Soph.; Tommy Burriss, QB, Jr.; Trent Donley, TE, Jr.; Kevin Dufford, OT/TE, Sr.; Pat Gramblin, NG, Soph.; Jay Jackson, CB, Soph.; Gary Klasnic, S, Jr.; Jason Matthews, C, Sr.; Chris Sullivan, CB, Jr.; George Thomas, OT, Sr.; Charles Wallace, OG, Soph.; Roger Witherspoon, FB, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Howard Barnard, K; Cosmo Curry, FB; David Russinko, TE.

FURMAN

Coach: Jimmy Satterfield (7-3-2, 1 year).
1986 Record: 7-2-2; Southern: 4-2-1/3rd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: Kirk Burnett, WR; Mark Cagle, LB; Billy Gato, OT; Robbie Gardner, TB; Ralph Harper, C; Benji Motte, CB; Jerome Norris, CB; Paul Pendleton, OG; Steve Squire, S.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Alex Albert, G, 6-0/228, Sr.; Mark Brown, T, 6-2/233, Sr.; Bill Duncan, TE, 6-2/215, Sr.; Kennet Goldsmith, FB, 6-0/224, Jr.; Larry Grady, WR, 6-0/175, Sr.; Chris Speaks, QB, 6-1/192, Sr. **Defense (7):** Brian Allison, T, 6-1/232; Jeff Blankenship, LB, 6-1/204, Jr.; Phillip Ferguson, NG, 6-2/229, Sr.; Darryl Gardner, LB, 5-11/215, Sr.; Al Peterson, T, 6-0/233, Sr.; Russell Rush, S, 5-11/200, Sr.; Tim Stepp, LB, 5-11/190, Sr.
Key Returnees: John Bagwell, TB, Jr. (RS/knee); Patrick Baynes, QB, Jr.; Lemar Bell, FB, Sr.; Tim Fox, TE, Sr.; Larry Grady, WR, Sr. (RS/medical); Alston Hamilton, P, Sr.; Keith Moore, QB, Sr.; Brian Pitts, DT, Soph.; Mark Rudder, WR, Sr.; Mike Wood, K, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Frankie DeBusk, QB; Venton Bell, WR; Theodus Dixon, TB; Ivan Johnson, DB.

VMI

Coach: Eddie Williamson (4-17-1, 2 years).
1986 Record: 1-10; Southern: 1-5/7th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Trent Bridges, TB; Jeff Brown, CB; Derrick Johnson, OT; Greg Otey, OG; Andy Titone, LB; Sam Tyus, C; Jim Wall, P/K; Keith Washington, FL.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Dave Brown, QB, 6-1/193, Jr.; Joe Hurley, T, 6-4/267, Jr.; Dan McGrew, TE, 6-2/216, Jr.; John Parrott, FB, 5-11/200, Sr.; Phil Riggelman, G, 6-1/267, Sr.; Mark Stock, SE, 6-0/173, Sr.; James Wright, FL, 5-8/167, Sr. **Defense (9):** Chris Clark, S, 5-11/184, Sr.; Erich Diehl, T, 5-11/258, Sr.; Todd Freiwald, E, 6-5/241, Sr.; Mike Mayo, S, 5-10/165, Sr.; Bill McGarrah, R, 6-0/210, Sr.; Anthony McIntosh, CB, 6-0/170, Jr.; Robert Susnar, E, 6-4/245, Sr.; Kevin Washington, LB, 6-1/207, Sr.; Dan Young, T, 6-0/245, Sr.
Key Returnees: Eric Harrison, DE, Soph.; Jim Hubbard, OT, Soph.; Mike Kemp, LB, Soph.; Travis Mabrey, TB, Soph.; Charles Plageman, FB, Soph.; John Washington, S, Soph.; Calvin Williams, FL, Sr.; Mike Wood, LB, Jr. (RS/academics)

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: Mike Ayers (6-15-1, 2 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; Southern: 4-3/4th.
Offense: Veer. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: Darin Adams, DT; Charlie Benford, S; George Cimadevilla, P/K; Mark Cook, OT; Danny Cox, TE; Herman Jacobs, FB; Nicky Lynch, FL.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Troy DeCastro, G, 6-1/227, Sr.; Lee Duckworth, G, 6-0/229, Sr.; Jeff Morgan, QB, 6-2/202, Sr.; Andy Naylor, T, 6-2/267, Sr.; Cedric Solomon, WR, 6-0/180, Jr.; Roosevelt Way, FB, 5-10/180, Soph. **Defense (9):** Albert English, LB, 6-1/207, Sr.; Thane Gash, DB, 6-0/195, Sr.; Wayne Hall, E, 6-1/235, Sr.; Rick Harris, DB, 6-0/180, Jr.; Juan McGarrah, QB, 6-0/185, Jr.; Scott Sutton, LB, 6-2/218, Jr.; Billy Taylor, E, 6-0/210, Sr.; Matt Toole, T, 6-2/230, Sr.; Alger Williams, NG, 6-0/243, Sr.
Key Returnees: Sam Brown, WR, Sr.; David Harvin, RB, Jr.; Darryl Phelps, RB, Jr.; Denny Rebber, TE, Jr.; Cedric Solomon, WR, Jr.

MARSHALL

Coach: George Chaump (6-4-1, 1 year; 30-2-2 overall, 5 years).
1986 Record: 6-4-1; Southern: 3-3/5th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Tony Bolland, DT; Todd Brown, S; Sam Manos, C; Steve Staley, OT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (9):** Mike Barber, SE, 5-11/163, Jr.; Rod Barnes, TE, 6-3/216, Sr.; Ron Darby, TE, 5-7/165, Soph.; Darryl DeBoes, FB, 5-8/189, Jr.; Jay Gleich, G, 6-4/265, Sr.; John Halford, G, 6-2/268, Jr.; Bruce Hammond, FL, 5-10/178, Jr.; Tony Petersen, QB, 6-1/201, Sr.; Mike Talkington, T, 6-3/280, Jr. **Defense (9):** Darryl Burgess, CB, 6-0/180, Sr.; Shawn Finnan, T, 6-2/245, Sr.; Cecil Fletcher, E, 6-2/219, Sr.; Reggie Giles, CB, 6-3/186, Jr.; Stan Hall, S, 5-9/189, Jr.; Jerome Hazard, S, 5-11/184, Sr.; Nick McKnight, LB, 6-1/216, Jr.; Bill Mendoza, T, 6-2/248, Jr.; John Spellacy, LB, 6-1/218, Jr.
Key Returnees: Todd Fugate, P, Sr.; Kevin Gault, K, Sr.; Ken Green, S, Jr.; John Gregory, QB, Jr.; John Mitchell, K, Jr. (RS/knee); Kerry Parks, TB, Soph.; Mark Snyder, S, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Matt Downey, LB; Darren Mudd, OG; Keith Powell, OT (JC); Brian Shannon, TE (JC); Jeff Wood, FB (JC).

WESTERN CAROLINA

Coach: Bob Waters (110-78-6, 18 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; Southern: 5-2/2nd.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Alonzo Carmichael, TE; Fred Davis, CB; Cedric Hitchcock, DE; Billy Ray Jones, FB; Willie Perkins, QB; Raymond Sanders, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Todd Currie, WR, 5-9/161, Sr.; James Davis, C, 6-2/224, Jr.; Steve Hall, G, 6-3/241, Sr.; John Martin, T, 6-4/231, Jr.; David Mayfield, TB, 6-1/184, Sr.; Jay Mulwee, T (switched to C), 6-4/240, Jr.; Vincent Nowell, WR, 6-0/163, Sr.; Kevin Sowell, G, 6-0/245, Sr. **Defense (8):** Scott Arant, T (switched to E), 6-3/251, Jr.; Charles Harrison, S, 6-1/189, Sr.; Larry Inman, LB, 6-2/192, Jr.; Wayne Parker, LB, 5-11/201, Jr.; Kenny Peoples, CB, 5-8/170, Sr.; Geno Segers, E, 6-4/222, Jr.; Chris Spach, T, 6-1/230, Soph.; Everett Spellman, LB, 6-3/225, Sr.
Key Returnees: Anthony Bare, P, Soph.; Todd Cottrell, QB, Soph.; Kenny Edwards, QB, Sr.; Tony Garagiola, OG, Soph.; David Jones, FB, Soph.; Tony Jones, OT, Sr.; Scott Lunsford, LB, Sr.; Jon Reed, TE, Soph.; Kirk Roach, K, Sr.; Billy Shepard, LB, Sr.; Raymond Taylor, TE, Soph.; Otis Washington, WR, Jr.; Craig Williamson, S, Soph.
Top Newcomer: Preston Jones, TB (RS).

A Dangerous Weapon

Middle Tennessee Should Win With QB Marvin Collier

By JOHN FAY

At 5-foot-11 and 155 pounds, Marvin Collier is not an imposing looking fellow. But Collier, the fleet and well-armed quarterback from **Middle Tennessee State**, is certainly a feared man in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"He's the most dangerous player in the league," Youngstown State Coach Jim Tressel said.

"He can break it on every play, throwing the ball or running," Morehead State Coach Bill Baldrige said.

"He's a dominating player," Eastern Kentucky Coach Roy Kidd said.

Collier was the OVC Offensive Player of the Year two years ago as a redshirt freshman. He threw for 1,171 yards and 10 touchdowns and ran for 594 yards and five TDs. And he led the Blue Raiders to an 11-0 regular season, the OVC title and a berth in the Division I-AA playoffs.

The Blue Raiders started on a similar track last season. But after a separated right shoulder knocked Collier out in the third game against Georgia Southern, the Blue Raiders stumbled. They lost that game as well as the next two before Collier returned. Middle Tennessee finished the season with a 6-5 record and tied for third in the league as Collier threw for 1,089 yards and eight TDs in nine games.

After the season, Collier underwent surgery on the shoulder. He was held out of spring drills because screws that had been implanted in the surgery had not yet been removed.

The OVC race might hinge on how well Collier's shoulder heals. Traditional power Eastern Kentucky and Murray State, which has a stable of experienced running backs, are considered the favorites, but a healthy Collier would make Middle Tennessee a contender, too.

"He's just a good athlete," Blue Raiders Coach Boots Donnelly said. "He's got good feet, good intelligence and a good awareness of people on the field."

Collier rushed for 308 yards last year despite his aching shoulder. He is as dangerous in the open field as he is in the pocket.

"I've always played by instinct," he said. "I do whatever it takes on that day."

Collier, who said he will be ready come September, will be joined in the backfield by another player who is looking to rebound from injuries. Senior tailback Gerald Anderson missed time with shoulder and rib injuries and saw his rushing production drop from 1,062 yards in 1985 to 239 yards last year.

The Blue Raiders' passing game will

focus on split end Robert Alford and flanker Mike Pittman.

Donnelly must replace six starters on defense, including his entire linebacking corps. He will rebuild around tackle Jack Pittman, end Kenny Tippins and All-OVC safety Dejuan Buford.

Murray State, which tied Eastern Kentucky for the league title last year, should have one of the league's most explosive offenses. Ten starters return, and the Racers are deep in the skill positions.

Running backs Rodney Payne, Bill Bird and Willie Cannon give the Racers a strong running attack. Payne rushed for 838 yards last year, Bird 580. But Cannon, who missed last year as an academic redshirt, may be the best of the three.

Quarterback Michael Proctor passed for 1,508 yards as a redshirt freshman last fall. He will team up again with All-OVC wide receiver Stanley Howard (24 catches for 732 yards). Standout tackle Greg Hurd bolsters a solid line.

"Offensively, we've got talent that we've never had before," said first-year Coach Mike Mahoney, a former Racers defensive coordinator. "We have some outstanding athletes."

The defense, however, could be another story. The Racers lost five starters, and Mahoney is concerned about depth.

Eastern Kentucky has a more balanced team than Murray State, which could give the Colonels the edge. But their talent is slanted toward the defensive side of the ball.

"Defense better be our strength with all the people we have returning," Kidd said.

Back are eight starters from the unit that led all I-AA teams in rushing defense and ranked 12th overall. Among them are three All-OVC picks—noseguard Eugene Banks, tackle Harold Torrens and cornerback Danny Copeland. Tackle Aaron Jones and linebacker Anthony Harper also rate as honors candidates. Even with the loss of All-America linebacker Fred Harvey, the Colonels have no apparent holes defensively.

Like Murray State, Eastern Kentucky has a strong running game. Tailback James Crawford rushed for 1,052 yards and 12 touchdowns a year ago. He will be joined by sophomore Elroy Harris, who rushed for 1,134 yards in 1985 but was academically ineligible last year.

All-OVC tackle John Jackson is one of three returning starters up front. But it will be fall before a quarterback is named to replace record-setting quarterback Mike Whitaker. None of the candidates has more than five minutes of collegiate experience.

"We lost the middle of our offense," Kidd said. "We lost our center, our quarterback and our fullback. We also have two wide receivers to replace."

Penguins fans may notice a difference in Tressel's second season at **Youngstown State**.

"We should be very much improved," he said. "It's a matter of the players knowing the system."

The top returnee from last year's 2-9 team is quarterback Trenton Lykes, who completed 60 percent of his 315 passes for 2,188 yards last fall. Lykes won't have All-OVC wide receiver Rick Shepas to throw to anymore, but tight end Elliot Fedd (35 receptions), fullback Steve Jones and tailbacks Rod Love and Lorenzo Davis are adept receivers. Love and Davis combined for 1,304 yards rushing last fall.

The Penguins are weakest up front on both sides of the ball. The defense is solid behind the line, though, especially in the secondary. Safety Jerry Dunlap, a transfer from South Carolina, and cornerback Jason Price are the top players there.

Austin Peay State has its strength concentrated up front on offense with tackles Roy Berkemeier and Larry Ford. Ford, a transfer from Auburn, weighs in at 270 pounds and is the lightweight of the two. Berkemeier, a 285-pound senior, returns to a line whose only vacancy will be filled by Ford.

Quarterback Dale Edwards and tailback Mike Lewis (1,032 yards rushing) will be protected by all that beef.

Rodney Bly, who moves from cornerback to safety, is the best player on a defense that has Coach Emory Hale worried. His line was atrocious last year, and all four starting linebackers have departed.

The first priority at **Morehead State** is replacing quarterback Adrian Breen. Breen led the league in passing and led the Eagles, who had won just five games in the previous three years, to a 7-4 season.

Redshirt freshman Chris Swartz and junior college transfer Lance Jansen are the leading candidates to replace Breen.

"I don't know if we can improve on last year," Baldrige said. "But this is our fourth year here, and we've got most of the people we recruited playing."

The top players back are All-OVC punter Greg Burke (44.1-yard average), defensive tackle Tony Sergeant and tailback D.D. Harrison.

Tennessee Tech went 0-10 in Coach Jim Ragland's first year and has won only one game in the last three seasons, but there is reason for optimism. Returning are eight players—including six seniors—who were redshirted last season.

"We took the eight best skill people we had," Ragland said. "We decided to bite the bullet for '86, lighten up the schedule and come back and establish a tradition."

Among the returning redshirts are Thomas Squires, an All-America hopeful at linebacker; fullback Eddie Hayward, who rushed for 1,021 yards in 1985, and tailback Lorenza Rivers, who runs a 4.4-second 40-yard dash. ■

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AUSTIN PEAY STATE

Coach: Emory Hale (31-33, 6 years).
1986 Record: 5-6; OVC: 3-4/T5th.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Chuck Cowart, FB; Clinton Cross, LB; Scott Fox, LB; Terry Gentry, WR; Brad Minear, TE; Brian Vaughn, LB; Eddie Walls, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Roy Berke-meier, T, 6-6/285, Sr.; Dale Edwards, QB, 5-11/165, Sr.; Mike Lewis, TB, 5-10/190, Jr.; Rico Ransom, WR, 6-5/205, Jr.; Mike Slipt-chuk, C, 6-3/240, Sr.; Hugh Thomas, G, 6-2/260, Sr.; Jim Treest, G, 6-4/235, Soph. **De-fense (4):** Rodney Bly, S, 6-1/185, Sr.; Todd Herndon, CB, 5-8/175, Sr.; Anthony Shacklett, NG, 6-3/255, Jr.; Cameron Towles, T, 6-2/250, Jr.
Key Returnees: Reid Barr, P, Jr.; Richard Brooks, OT, Soph.; Tracy Christa, OG, Soph.; Ron Clark, S, Sr.; Dean Edwards, WR, Sr.; Sammy Gholston, QB, Soph.; Lawrence God-frey, OG, Jr.; Don Goode, DB, Jr.; Pat Harris, CB, Soph.; Mike Hughes, WR, Jr.; Calvin John-son, LB, Soph.; Joe Langham, S, Sr.; Curtis Ray, NG, Soph.; Bryan Styles, LB, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Elzie Anderson, WR (JC); Mike Cole, OT (RS); Larry Ford, OT (trans-fer/Auburn); Rod Malone, TB (RS); Freeman Milton, CB (JC); Buck Small, FB (JC); Terry Wedley, NG/LB (JC).



Eastern Kentucky's Elroy Harris.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Coach: Roy Kidd (179-68-8, 23 years).
1986 Record: 8-2-1; OVC: 6-1/T1st.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: Dale Dawson, K; Fred Harvey, LB; Byron Ingram, C; John Klingel, DT; Mike Whit-taker, QB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Oscar Angu-lo, TE, 6-1/207, Jr.; Mike Cadore, FL, 5-8/165, Jr.; James Crawford, TB, 5-11/194, Sr.; Gary Greve, G, 6-2/247, Sr.; John Jackson, T, 6-5/272, Sr.; David Miller, T, 6-4/259, Jr. **De-fense (8):** Robbie Andrews, CB, 6-0/195, Soph.; Eugene Banks, NG, 6-0/249, Sr.; Danny Copeland, CB, 6-2/208, Sr.; Myron Guyton, R, 6-1/203, Jr.; Anthony Harper, LB, 6-0/234, Sr.; Aaron Jones, T, 6-4/245, Sr.; Tim Tomas-zewski, E, 6-0/226, Jr.; Harold Torrens, T, 6-0/256, Sr.
Key Returnees: Randy Bohler, FB, Soph.; Mike Carter, LB, Soph.; Charles Dampier, DB, Sr.; Elroy Harris, TB, Soph. (RS/academic); Ron Jekel, LB, Jr.; Jeff Johnson, P, Jr.; Richard Johnson, DB, Sr.; Mike Kelly, FB, Jr.; Steve Leight, DE, Sr.; Jessie Small, DE, Jr.; Robert Warfield, DB, Sr.; Rick Williams, TE, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Chris Coffey, LB (RS); Lorenzo Fields, QB (RS); Darren Hayden, LB; Brett Kolnick, DE (RS); Carl Lawrence, QB (RS/knee); Mike Roth, DT; Randy Wardlow, DE.

MOREHEAD STATE

Coach: Bill Baldrige (10-23, 3 years; 15-28 overall, 4 years).
1986 Record: 7-4; OVC: 3-4/T5th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Wide-Tackle-Six.
Key Losses: Kelvin Bellamy, S; Adrian Breen, QB; Steve Collins, TE; Sam Duvall, OG; Randy Frazier, LB; John Gilliam, LB; Mike Grim, OT; Howard Jacobs, C; Orville Lytle, WR; Billy Poe, OG; Joe Wagner, OT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (3):** Rodney Gor-don, FB, 6-2/215, Jr.; D.D. Harrison, TB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Monty Webster, FL, 5-10/170, Sr. **Defense (8):** Bob Cain, G, 6-1/270, Sr.; Keith Ferrell, E, 6-3/215, Sr.; Ahmed Fowler, T, 6-2/240, Jr.; Jay Koehler, LB, 6-0/215, Sr.; Dean Lape, E, 6-1/200, Sr.; Monty McIntyre, CB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Mike Metcalf, CB, 6-1/175, Sr.; Tony Sergeant, T, 6-0/245, Sr.
Key Returnees: Greg Burke, P, Sr.; Scott Nap-lier, DT, Sr. (RS/medical); Terry Upshaw, TB, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Joe Gagliano, OL (JC); Lance Jansen, QB (JC/RS); Dennis Palochak, OL; Allen Stein, QB (transfer/New Mexico); Chris Swartz, QB (RS); Larry Szczerba, OL.

MURRAY STATE

Coach: Mike Mahoney (first year at Murray State).
1986 Record: 7-3-1; OVC: 6-1/T1st.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Wide-Tackle-Six.
Key Losses: Willie Bester, DE; Charley Wiles, OG; Tony Woodie, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (10):** Bill Bird, RB, 5-11/220, Sr.; Mark Burke, G, 6-0/245, Soph.; Brian Collins, G, 6-4/250, Sr.; Freddie Harris, T, 6-2/270, Sr.; Stanley Howard, WR, 5-10/175, Sr.; Greg Hurd, T, 6-3/270, Sr.; Marc Murray, WR, 5-11/170, Sr.; Rodney Payne, RB, 6-1/195, Jr.; Michael Proctor, QB, 6-4/190, Soph.; Marshall Sills, C, 5-10/225, Jr. **Defense (6):** Tim Broady, CB, 6-0/205, Jr.; Kirk Brunson, S, 5-10/185, Sr.; Lance Golden, T, 6-2/255, Jr.; Jim Murphy, T, 5-11/220, Soph.; Greg Sanders, CB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Jon Tharpe, LB, 6-1/200, Sr.
Key Returnees: Willie Cannon, RB, Sr. (RS/academic); Eric Crigler, OT, Soph.; David Dercher, P, Sr.; Paul Hickert, K, Sr.; Steve Hill, DT, Sr.; Kent Lapa, DE, Sr. (RS); Joe March, DE, Jr.; David Morris, LB, Sr.; Greg Sanders, DB, Sr.; Al Savea, RB, Soph.; Frank Thigpen, RB, Soph.; Tony Thornton, DB, Jr.; Richard Watson, OT, Soph.; David Williams, RB, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Rodney Callier, DT (JC); David Hollingsworth, OT; Stacy Suggs, LB (JC).

TENNESSEE TECH

Coach: Jim Ragland (0-10, 1 year).
1986 Record: 0-10; OVC: 0-7/8th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: James Coney, WR; Woody Cran-ford, LB; Brent Fisher, QB; Nate Hooks, WR; Tim Maybin, CB; Ray Ragone, LB; Kevin Sharp, DE.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Kelly Averitt, C, 6-5/253, Sr.; Travis Dunlap, RB, 5-8/199, Sr.; Kenneth Gilstrap, WR, 5-9/165, Jr.; Steve Jewell, G, 5-10/239, Sr.; Ted Quinn, T, 6-4/245, Jr.; Clark Richey, G, 6-1/270, Jr.; Bryan Wall, T, 6-5/241, Jr. **Defense (8):** Jonathon Barksdale, E, 6-0/231, Jr.; Bruce Hatfield, LB, 6-4/235, Jr.; Curtis Hissam, T, 6-2/233, Soph.; Jimmy Isom, S, 5-10/186, Sr.; Bob Jicks, E, 6-2/218, Jr.; Antonio Sinkfield, DB, 5-9/190, Sr.; Gerald Sinkfield, DB, 6-1/197, Jr.; Mike Thornton, LB, 6-1/200, Jr.
Key Returnees: Mike Brown, DB, Sr. (RS); Gerald Dossett, LB, Soph.; Terry Goodloe, WR, Sr. (RS); Jason Green, TE, Soph.; Eddie Hayward, FB, Sr. (RS); Eric Miller, DT, Soph.; Patrick Pope, QB, Sr. (RS); Lorenza Rivers, TB, Sr. (RS); Thomas Squires, LB, Sr. (RS); Ryan Weeks, K, Soph.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: Boots Donnelly (53-36, 8 years; 67-43 overall, 10 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; OVC: 4-3/T3rd.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Wide-Tackle-Six.
Key Losses: Doug Althouse, DT; Cecil An-drews, OG; Tony Burse, FB; Roosevelt Colvard, LB; Carvell Massengale, TE; Mick Mathis, LB; Glenn McMurray, DG; Mark Morrison, P; Rob-ert Mullins, CB; Wade Peery, DG; Larry Pickett, OT; Dwight Stone, TB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Robert Al-ford, SE, 5-7/177, Sr.; Marvin Collier, QB, 5-11/155, Jr.; Doug Hintemeyer, C, 6-1/245, Jr.; Mike Pittman, FL, 5-8/155, Sr.; Dennis Smart, G, 5-11/240, Soph.; Steve Spurling, T, 6-4/240, Sr. **Defense (5):** Dejuan Buford, S, 5-11/193, Sr.; Brad Cowan, E, 5-11/187, Jr.; Jack Pittman, T, 6-2/235, Jr.; Darrien Thomas, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Kenny Tippins, E, 6-2/200, Jr.
Key Returnees: Gerald Anderson, TB, Sr.; Dick Martin, K, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Sam Boxley, DT (trans-fer/Wichita State); John Kemp, LB (trans-fer/West Virginia).



Tennessee Tech's Eddie Hayward.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Coach: Jim Tressel (2-9, 1 year).
1986 Record: 2-9; OVC: 2-5/7th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Dave Derthick, DT; John Murphy, CB; John Nevotne, OG; Vince Peterson, DT; Rick Shepas, WR; Steve Strabala, WR; Jim Sydlowski, OG; John Zelenak, C.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Mike Cum-mings, T, 6-4/254, Jr.; Lorenzo Davis, TB, 6-0/188, Soph.; Tony Dunn, G, 6-0/262, Soph.; Elliott Fedd, TE, 6-1/212, Sr.; Steve Jones, FB, 5-10/215, Soph.; Rod Love, TB, 5-11/185, Sr.; Trenton Lykes, QB, 6-1/185, Sr. **Defense (8):** Rod Henderson, R, 5-10/185, Sr.; Dave Jano-fa, T, 6-3/260, Sr.; Jerry Pacifico, LB, 6-0/212, Jr.; Andre Peterson, T, 6-3/240, Soph.; Mike Peterson, LB, 6-1/218, Sr.; Jason Price, CB, 5-9/175, Jr.; Gary Scruggs, LB, 6-0/230, Sr.; Larry Toles, S, 5-11/180, Sr.
Key Returnees: John Dowling, K, Sr.; Paul Soltis, LB, Jr.; Jim Zdelar, OT, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Jerry Dunlap, S (trans-fer/South Carolina).

Offense by Prescription

Dr. Victory Has Northern Iowa Set For a Big Season

By RON SYLVESTER

The man known as "Dr. Victory" at Northern Iowa said he has found an effective prescription for scoring points.

"It's a kind of hybrid," Coach Darrell Mudra said of his offensive scheme. "(Assistant coach) Terry Allen was working with a run-and-shoot offense before I came here. Most of my experience is with a pro-type offense. We kind of married those two concepts."

Unfortunately for the rest of the teams in the Gateway Conference, Mudra has 10 starters returning from his 1986 offensive unit. Their familiarity with Mudra's system means the Panthers should display another powerful attack.

Mudra's idea is to give the defense too much to think about. By passing frequently while running out of option formations, the Panthers keep defenders guessing.

"Because we're a pass-oriented team," he said, "the same people who defend against the sweep also have to defend the pass because we're running a flanker and the quarterback is bootlegging all the time."

The Panthers followed the doctor's orders and compiled some impressive numbers last season. They were third among I-AA teams in passing (311.5 yards per game) and total offense (473.9) and sixth in scoring (31.5 points per game).

But the defending Gateway champion Panthers still finished in a second-place tie, preventing them from making a second consecutive I-AA playoff appearance. But it may take more to knock the Panthers off the top of the standings this fall. Quarterback Mike Smith and All-Gateway halfback Carl Boyd bring Mudra's hybrid offensive plan together.

"We can utilize Mike Smith well with a lot of play-action passes, and we have the threat of an exceptional runner out of the backfield," Mudra said.

Smith passed for 3,125 yards and 27 touchdowns last fall to lead the nation in passing efficiency. Boyd was 12th among I-AA players in all-purpose running with 1,608 yards (715 rushing, 893 receiving). Add to that a returning offensive line anchored by center Mark Hanssen and an all-conference tight end in Brian Baker, and the Panthers could be tough to stop. The only opening in the lineup, split end, should be filled by junior Anthony Price.

All-Gateway end Jeff Bealles leads a squad of six returning defensive starters. The secondary returns intact, but the linebacking was hit hard by graduation. Former safety Dave McCorvey and convert-



Running back James Marable returns to Eastern Illinois after scoring 16 touchdowns in 1986.

ed running back John Hill have moved to linebacker to shore up that area.

"I don't think there's any question we'll be favored," Mudra said.

Southern Illinois could be Northern Iowa's toughest competition this fall, especially if running back Byron Mitchell returns to form.

After gaining 1,211 yards as a sophomore in 1985, Mitchell underwent knee surgery and sat out last season. The red-shirt junior's recovery appeared to be 90 percent complete last spring, but until he takes part in contact drills and practices his cutting moves, the Salukis can't be certain of his status. If he doesn't return, Coach Ray Dorr may give junior Paul Patterson the starting job.

Junior Kevin Brown, who missed all but four games with a broken collarbone last year, left spring practice with the starting quarterback job, but 1986 starter Pat King can't be counted out. Standout tackle David Smith is one of three returning starters up front, while wide receiver Bobby Sloan looms as an inviting target.

The Saluki defense, headed by all-conference cornerback Ira Davis, is fairly deep. Tackle Brad Crouse and linebackers Mike Carbonaro and Ezell Shelton are among the best of the defenders.

Defending Gateway champion **Eastern Illinois** lost its stars on offense, and the Panthers' plan of letting their defense give them a chance to repeat was staggered when All-Gateway end John Jurkovic underwent knee surgery last spring, ending his 1987 season.

"We want a swarming defense ... an aggressive and disciplined unit that rallies to the ball on every snap," first-year Coach Bob Spoo had said after replacing Gateway Coach of the Year Al Molde. But without Jurkovic and perhaps lineman

Aaron Thomas, whose academic status was uncertain, the defense won't be quite as aggressive. Linebacker Jeff Mills (127 tackles last year) and cornerback Rod Reynolds will be charged with rallying that squad.

Gone are quarterback Sean Payton, the Gateway Offensive Player of the Year, and all-conference receivers Roy Banks and Calvin Pierce. They formed a passing attack that led Eastern Illinois to the quarterfinals of the I-AA playoffs. Spoo will select a quarterback from among senior Pat Carroll, Hawaii transfer Kurt Simon and two redshirt freshmen.

Spoo probably will de-emphasize the pass and institute a two-back offense. He has good runners to fill those spots in junior James Marable, who scored 16 touchdowns last season, and senior DuWayne Pitts. Led by center Sean O'Brien and guards Mark Petersen and Jim Miteff, the Panthers also are solid up front.

Another offensive weapon is placekicker Richard Ehmke, whose 58-yard field goal beat Northern Iowa.

Illinois State finished fourth last year after a season-long fight with injuries.

"In the first game we lost our quarterback; in the second game we lost our running back," Coach Bob Otoloski recalled. "By November we fought our way back into first place, and I'll be damned if we didn't lose both quarterbacks, two tight ends and two tailbacks."

When starter Ed Cheatham went down, Pat Williams took over at quarterback until getting injured himself. Williams is back as a sophomore—and with the benefit of all his blockers from last year returning. Other players to watch will be tight end Vonnie Williams and fullback Vic Northern, both redshirt freshmen.

Defense has been the Redbirds'

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bob Spoo (first year at Eastern Illinois).

1986 Record: 10-1; Gateway: 5-1/1st.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 3-4.

Key Losses: Roy Banks, FL; Steve Bonnes, OT; Bob Bronaugh, S; Willie Cain, SE; Chris Geile, OT; John Jurkovic, DE (out for season/knee); Sean Payton, QB; Calvin Pierce, SB; Dan Polowski, LB; Greg Rhea, CB; Darius Shavers, S; Dave Whitehead, LB; Rick Ziemann, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): James Marable, RB, 5-9/170, Jr.; Jim Miteff, G, 6-0/230, Sr.; Sean O'Brien, C, 6-1/275, Jr.; Mark Petersen, G, 6-3/260, Sr.; Derick Wilhelms, TE, 6-2/210, Sr. **Defense (4):** Jeff Mills, LB, 6-2/210, Jr.; Carl Parker, E, 5-10/230, Sr.; Rod Reynolds, CB, 5-11/175, Soph.; Aaron Thomas, NG, 6-0/260, Sr. (status questionable/academics).

Key Returnees: Pat Carroll, QB, Sr.; Richard Ehmke, K, Sr.; Scott Johnson, FS, Jr.; Dave Lewandowski, DT, Sr.; DuWayne Pitts, RB, Sr.; Dave Popp, OT, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Marcus O'Neal, WR (RS); Kurt Simon, QB (transfer/Hawaii); Burgess Watts, QB (RS).

INDIANA STATE

Coach: Dennis Raetz (41-37-1, 8 years).

1986 Record: 3-8; Gateway: 1-5/T6th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 5-2.

Key Losses: Tim Cunningham, LB; Troy Johnson, LB; Mike Simmonds, OT; Chuck Standiford, P.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Mark Blakey, C, 6-3/252, Sr.; Gary Cannon, WR, 5-10/188, Sr.; Kyle Frondorf, QB, 6-1/190, Jr.; Chris Johnson, WR, 6-0/178, Jr.; William Martin, TE, 6-1/233, Sr.; Mike Miller, G, 6-2/262, Sr.; Stu Sevald, T, 6-4/272, Sr.; Charles Walls, RB, 6-0/208, Sr. **Defense (6):** Lavent Blaylock, CB, 5-10/180, Soph.; Walter Crutchfield, S, 5-11/185, Soph.; Antoine Lidell, E, 6-3/220, Jr.; Steve McKeel, S, 6-0/190, Sr.; Rhett Schmidt, T, 6-3/240, Jr.; Paul Wafzig, T, 6-5/268, Jr.

Key Returnees: Mark Bertram, DT, Soph.; Steve Brown, DB, Sr.; Matt Campbell, LB, Jr.; Mike Edwards, OG, Sr.; Pete Endre, OT, Sr.; Brent Fleming, RB, Jr.; Ken Hopp, LB, Jr.; Darren O'Neal, RB, Jr.; Rodney Porter, WR, Soph.; Corey Potter, K, Sr.; Rudolph Richard, DB, Jr.; John Sahm, QB, Soph.; Ray Wallace, RB, Soph.; Darnell White, TE, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Curtis Daley, DB (JC); Carl Davis, WR/TE (transfer/Navy); Steve Elmlinger, WR (transfer/Cincinnati); Dennis Gossett, LB (transfer/Ohio State).

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Ray Dorr (14-19, 3 years).

1986 Record: 7-4; Gateway: 4-2/T2nd.

Offense: Split-Back Veer. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Mark Banbury, OG; John Edwards, LB; Mel Kirksy, RB; Ron Page, S; Bruce Phibbs, TE; Sebron Spivey, TE; Ralph Van Dyke, OT; Anthony Vaughn, RB; Jim White, DE.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Bob Grammer, C, 6-3/260, Soph.; Rob Howell, G, 6-1/246, Sr.; Pat King, QB, 6-3/190, Sr.; Bobby Sloan, WR, 6-1/188, Sr.; David Smith, T, 6-8/270, Sr. **Defense (8):** Charles Bell, DB, 5-11/184, Sr.; Brad Crouse, T, 6-1/255, Jr.; Ira Davis, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Willie Davis, DB, 5-10/188, Soph.; Ron Kirk, LB, 6-4/212, Soph.; Rob McNabb, DB, 5-11/198, Sr.; Ezell Shelton, LB, 6-0/217, Sr.; Anthony Woods, T, 6-4/225, Sr.

Key Returnees: Kevin Brown, QB, Jr.; John Brda, K, Sr.; Mike Carbonaro, LB, Sr.; Byron Mitchell, RB, Jr. (RS); Paul Patterson, RB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Cedric Brown, RB (RS); Yogi Henderson, TE (RS); Ernie Mangham, DB (JC); Antonio Moore, RB (RS); J.R. Tate, DT (RS).

ILLINOIS STATE

Coach: Bob Otolski (27-34-3, 6 years).

1986 Record: 5-5; Gateway: 3-3/4th.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 5-2.

Key Losses: Tom Blumenshine, S; Marty Casper, FB; Ed Cheatham, QB; Brian Gant, LB; Jim Nallen, CB; Paul Politi, K; Chris Roberts, TE.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Charles Calhoun, G, 6-2/262, Sr.; Billy Garrett, WR, 6-1/185, Sr.; Dan Hackman, C, 6-4/250, Soph.; Lynn Hankins, G, 6-2/253, Sr.; Mike Morphe, T, 6-5/265, Jr.; Dave Schumer, T, 6-4/280, Soph.; Henry Waters, TB, 5-9/175, Jr.; Pat Williams, QB, 6-2/185, Soph. **Defense (8):** Brett Brindley, LB, 6-3/218, Jr.; Gary Conley, CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; John Juhler, MG, 6-5/260, Sr.; John Jurkus, E, 5-11/210, Sr.; John Kropke, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Peter Shorts, T, 6-7/270, Sr.; Jeff Smith, S, 6-0/180, Jr.; Rich Zukowski, E, 6-2/230, Jr.

Key Returnees: Scott Brame, OG, Sr.; Mike McCabe, P, Jr.; Bill Miller, WR, Soph.; Michael Moore, TB, Soph.; Barry Moton, DE, Sr.; Greg Peeler, LB, Soph.; Tim Turner, WR, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Vic Northern, FB (RS); Rick Seitz, K; Vonnie Williams, TE (RS).

NORTHERN IOWA

Coach: Darrell Mudra (33-12-1, 4 years; 190-77-4 overall, 25 years).

1986 Record: 7-3-1; Gateway: 4-2/T2nd.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Wide Tackle Six.

Key Losses: Mark Farly, LB; Clay Netusil, P; Terry Orth, DT; Art Stelken, DE.

Starters Returning: Offense (10): Brian Baker, TE, 6-4/228, Sr.; Carl Boyd, HB, 5-6/169, Sr.; Jeff Chambers, G, 6-3/255, Jr.; Louie Cox, G, 6-4/265, Sr.; Mark Hansen, C, 6-1/255, Sr.; Sherrod Howard, TE, 6-3/230, Soph.; Ken Kolthoff, T, 6-4/280, Sr.; Errol Peebles, FB, 5-8/221, Jr.; Mike Smith, QB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Steve Spoden, T, 6-3/250, Jr. **Defense (6):** Kevin Anderson, CB, 5-8/165, Soph.; Jeff Beales, E, 6-3/225, Sr.; Mike Campbell, T, 6-1/240, Jr.; Mark Hein, LB, 6-2/190, Soph.; Thelonious Key, CB, 6-0/190, Jr.; Chris Klie-man, DB, 5-11/185, Soph.

Key Returnees: Doug Andrews, DT, Jr.; Mark Botkin, OT, Jr.; Dave Campbell, OT, Soph.; Allen Donnel, DE, Sr. (RS/academic); Denny Hansen, DT, Sr.; John Hill, LB, Sr.; Mike Kolpin, LB, Jr.; Mike Martin, DB, Jr. (RS); Dave McCorvey, LB, Jr.; Kevin Mote, K, Sr.; Anthony Price, SE, Jr.; Eric White, FL, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Alan Bostic, DB (JC); George Crouch, OG (JC); Tony Gullatto, DB (JC); Don Harnack, LB (JC); Jerry Hines, DB/LB (JC).

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ST.

Coach: Jesse Branch (3-7, 1 year).

1986 Record: 3-7; Gateway: 1-5/T6th.

Offense: Flexbone. **Defense:** 5-2.

Key Losses: Wayne Evans, CB; David Heim, C; Petey Stevens, MG/DT; Chris Tayrien, OT.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Cedric Carswell, HB, 5-10/188, Soph.; Mark Christensen, G, 6-2/277, Soph.; Elijah Dukes, FB, 5-9/194, Sr.; Doug Gardner, T, 6-3/245, Jr.; Tony Gilbert, HB, 5-8/175, Soph.; David Johnson, QB, 5-10/170, Soph.; Bill Norton, TE, 6-2/223, Sr.; Jeff Pickering, T, 6-3/259, Soph.; Ray Ratcliff, SE, 5-9/173, Jr. **Defense (8):** Bret Aggus, S, 5-11/180, Soph.; Ken Braden, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Tim Cooke, T, 6-3/232, Sr.; Preston Estes, E, 6-0/205, Sr.; Tim Gray, E, 6-3/219, Soph.; Dempster Jackson, CB, 5-10/160, Jr.; Craig Phillips, CB, 5-11/180, Soph.; Matt Soraghan, LB, 6-2/232, Sr.

Key Returnees: Andy Bass, FB, Soph.; John Douglass, TE, Jr.; Brian Eddy, OG, Soph.; Scott Frerichs, C, Soph.; Doug Gilliam, DE, Soph.; Scott Hartwig, R, Jr.; Ryan Jackson, HB, Sr.; Joe Lisanti, MG, Sr.; Mark Mettelle, LB, Jr.; Daryl Patton, QB, Soph.; Craig Phillips, CB, Soph.; Chris Potthast, K, Soph.; Kyle Sawyer, OG, Soph.; Steve Vincent, LB, Soph.; Reggie Young, CB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Jeff Dilbeck, OG (JC); David Panter, C (transfer/Wichita State).

WESTERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Bruce Craddock (20-22-1, 4 years; 44-41-1 overall, 8 years).

1986 Record: 6-5; Gateway: 2-4/5th.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Todd Auer, DT; Marcus Ballard, DB; Shannon Berry, DE; Nate Blanks, SE; Albert Brown, FL; Ken Greer, DE; Mike Hryn, LB; Joe Maher, TE; Bruce McCray, DB; Deion Melvin, LB; Tom Scott, DB; Tom Troutman, DB; Brent Westemeyer, OG; Frank Winters, C.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Keith Blue, G, 6-3/265, Sr.; Mike Cox, TB, 5-8/175, Soph.; Brett Grimshaw, FB, 5-11/210, Jr.; Mike Morrison, C, 6-2/265, Sr.; Paul Singer, QB, 6-3/193, Jr.; John Wisnosky, T, 6-5/274, Sr. **Defense (3):** Mike Himley, DB, 5-9/175, Sr.; Rick Renner, T, 6-0/250, Sr.; Maurice Smith, DB, 6-3/180, Sr.

Key Returnees: Russ Bal, OT, Sr.; Don Beebe, WR, Sr.; Tom Bragg, TE, Sr.; Dave Emond, K, Jr.; Paul Krause, P, Soph.; Marty Lomelino, LB, Sr.; Jeff Prentice, TE, Sr.; Marlin Williams, DE, Jr. (RS).

Top Newcomers: Guy Danoff, C (JC); Deme-trius Davis, DE (JC); Kelly Duncan, DB (JC); Tim Harper, DT (transfer/Colorado); Jimmy Lewis, DE (JC); Ron Nesbitt, DT (JC); Derek Swanson, RB (RS); Presley White, LB (transfer/Illinois).

strength the last two years, and that doesn't look to change with the return of eight starters, including two all-conference picks, safety Jeff Smith and tackle John Kropke. But Gateway Defensive Player of the Year Brian Gant will be missed.

Although **Indiana State** had a dismal season (3-8) in its first year in the league, the Sycamores find optimism in youth. Only five starters must be replaced.

Coach Dennis Raetz can choose between two good quarterbacks. Kyle Frondorf threw for 1,962 yards last year, but sophomore John Sahm is back and ready to fight for the starting job after missing most of 1986 with a knee injury. Gary Cannon is a top-notch wide receiver.

Defensively, All-Gateway safety Steve McKeel leads an experienced secondary. Raetz said his biggest question marks are at linebacker, but Matt Campbell and Ken Hopp could be the answers.

Southwest Missouri State Coach

Jesse Branch is hoping that the return of all but five starters will help the Bears rebound from a 3-7 season.

Branch has a quick backfield of halfbacks Tony Gilbert and Ryan Jackson and fullback Elijah Dukes. David Johnson again will guide the flexbone attack from quarterback.

Experience should help the Bears. Eight of Branch's starters a year ago were freshmen.

The Bears have most of their upper-class experience on defense. That squad will be led by senior end Preston Estes and senior linebacker Ken Braden.

The departure of 25 seniors—including four all-conference picks—leaves **Western Illinois** in a rebuilding situation. The Leathernecks' strong point is their offensive line, where All-Gateway guard Keith Blue returns. But Coach Bruce Craddock must rebuild his defense. ■

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Controversy Reigns

SWAC Members Struggle Through A Crazy Off-Season

By MIKE KNOBLER

The Godfather returned, the Gunslinger left and defending champion Jackson State nearly became ineligible for the conference title. It's been another zany off-season in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

This is the league that brought you Jerry Rice and Walter Payton and boasts the winningest college football coach in history, but still hasn't won a Division I-AA playoff game in its first nine tries.

Archie Cooley, known as "The Gunslinger" for his flamboyant style on and off the field, quit Mississippi Valley State to take over at Arkansas-Pine Bluff. The man who once took credit for teaching Rice how to run packed his bags and several of his players and rode off into the sunset.

When Cooley announced his resignation, 53 of his players requested that their transcripts be sent to Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Eighteen actually transferred to the NAIA school, including Robert Marshall, the Delta Devils' leading receiver last fall.

Marino Casem, who took over as Southern University's athletic director before last season, earned the nickname "The Godfather" in his 22 years as Alcorn State's coach. After a one-year hiatus, Casem has returned to the sidelines. He vowed that he would coach for only one year, by which time the Jaguars are to have found a permanent replacement for Otis Washington, who was fired.

Theo Danzy, who replaced Casem at Alcorn last year, isn't so sure Casem won't make his return to coaching permanent.

"One of Casem's quotes is, 'Doing certain things is like making love to a gorilla: You have to ask for permission to quit,'" Danzy said.

Jackson State asked for no one's permission before dropping conference member Alabama State from this year's schedule. Jackson State made the move to clear a date for a game against Southern Mississippi, the first meeting between one of Mississippi's predominantly black universities and one of its three Division I-A schools.

Several SWAC athletic directors screamed foul and said Jackson State should be ineligible for the conference title. Three weeks after saying the Alabama State game would not be played, Jackson State athletic director Walter Reed announced the game had been rescheduled. The furor subsided.

The SWAC championship itself isn't worth what it once was. The league does not receive an automatic berth in the I-AA

playoffs because three teams (Southern, Grambling State and Alabama State) play regular-season games on the weekend set aside for the first round of the playoffs.

On the field, **Jackson State** is favored to win another title after going undefeated in the league last fall and sharing the crown with Grambling in 1985.

The Tigers are strongest on defense, particularly in the secondary. Returning are all four starters, including All-SWAC safety Kevin Dent and All-SWAC cornerback Carl Johnson. Dent picked off 10 passes last year. Senior Andre Lloyd spearheads a solid linebacking corps.

The defensive and offensive lines are sources of concern. All-SWAC tackles Leon Seals (defense) and James Harvey (offense) must be replaced. But Coach W.C. Gorden is pleased to have back all three interior offensive linemen, including standout guard Houston Hoover.

Back to direct the offense is senior quarterback Shannon Boyd, who completed only 42.2 percent of his passes a year ago. Most of his receivers from last year are gone, leaving Ricky Flowers as his top target this fall.

The Tigers' running game should be much improved with the return of Lewis Tillman. The junior running back led the conference in rushing in 1985 but was red-shirted last year after injuring his elbow in the season opener.

"You've got a running back now where you give him a little hole and he can go 90 yards, whereas last year we had five yards and a cloud of dust," said Gorden, the 1986 SWAC Coach of the Year.

Gorden's teams have won or shared five SWAC titles in his 11 years at Jackson State. But no SWAC coach has a record like Eddie Robinson's. With 336 career victories—more than any other college coach ever—Robinson alone makes **Grambling** a favorite.

"Grambling's going to always be tough," Casem said. "They've got that stable coaching staff and they've got Eddie, Mr. Robinson. That's an asset in itself. A kid'll go to Grambling just to play for Eddie. I wanted to play for him."

Forget that last season Grambling lost four straight games for the first time since 1959. Forget that the Tigers lost six All-SWAC selections, their top five receivers and their leading rusher. Remember instead that the offensive line is projected to average 282 pounds per man, that center Daniel Jones and defensive tackle Curtis Maxey are among the league's best linemen, that junior Chauncey Allen returns at quarterback after passing for 1,782 yards a year ago, that seven starters return on defense and that Robinson has coached 15 SWAC champions.

The Tigers can't be counted out.

Danzy doesn't have Robinson's coaching experience, but he surprised many people his first year at **Alcorn** by keeping the Braves in contention until a sea-

son-ending loss to Jackson State. The main reason was All-SWAC wide receiver Milton Barney, but he's gone.

Danzy now is looking for "a boy who can catch 50 percent of the balls that hit his hands," he said. If that receiver materializes, quarterback Jerome Vigne (1,722 yards passing) has proven he can deliver.

Eight defensive starters return, including junior Jack Phillips, who paces a deep secondary.

At **Southern University**, Casem faces the task of restoring the Jaguars' football tradition. Southern, the only school ever to win five consecutive SWAC titles outright, hasn't even shared one since 1975.

Casem said he'll take the same approach he used to win seven SWAC crowns at Alcorn.

"I still have the same goals," he said. "When the lights go out, I want everybody to say, 'Hell, Casem's done it again.'"

It's possible that a freshman, Nathaniel Harrison, will start at quarterback.

Casem plans to restructure the offensive line, but he'll leave impressive Gerald Perry at his right tackle spot. Though the defense is thin up front, linebackers Rufus Porter and Darry Brooks (an All-SWAC pick) and cornerback Michael Ball join six other returning starters to make the defense strong overall.

Despite the loss of top-notch receivers Donald Narcisse and Darrell Colbert and running back Nate Johnson (1,142 yards rushing), **Texas Southern** still should have an explosive offense.

All-SWAC quarterback Sean Cook returns after throwing for 3,065 yards last fall. He will be protected by a powerful line featuring tackle Kenneth Munson.

The defense, which has been quite young the last two seasons, now has experience in its favor. Safety Denny Moore is the best of the bunch.

Replacing Cooley at **Mississippi Valley** is Ken Pettiford. His first team has 16 returning starters, including nine on defense. All-SWAC tackle Paul Jones and All-SWAC linebacker Vincent Brown lead that unit.

Offensively, the Delta Devils need better production from quarterback Thomas Leonard, who completed only 46.3 percent of his passes last year.

Alabama State has the league's top offensive player in Brad Baxter. The All-SWAC running back ranked third among I-AA rushers last year with 1,705 yards. Nineteen starters return for the Hornets.

Prairie View A&M will have to play its home games in Houston, 45 miles from campus, while Blackshear Field is being rebuilt. Coach Conway Hayman's Panthers are coming off a 3-8 season, their best since 1978. They again will be led by All-SWAC tailback Victor Pegram and All-SWAC defensive guard Vincent Huffpower. ■

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ALABAMA STATE

Coach: (position vacant as of May 1).
1986 Record: 4-7; SWAC: 2-5/6th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Andre Cleveland, OT; Eddie Cook, LB; Robert Pritchard, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (9):** Brad Baxter, RB, 6-1/225, Jr.; Kenneth Bonom, FL, 5-8/165, Jr.; Quinton Jefferson, G, 6-2/248, Jr.; Anthony McElhane, G, 6-3/260, Sr.; Leroy Miles, TE, 6-1/212, Jr.; Darryl Pearson, SE, 6-2/200, Sr.; Antonius Smith, QB, 6-3/198, Jr.; Michael Smith, T, 6-4/255, Jr.; Johnny Wynn, C, 6-4/255, Soph. **Defense (9):** Gary Browe, CB, 5-11/163, Jr.; Billy Ray Cox, E, 6-3/275, Jr.; Anthony Crooks, NG, 6-1/235, Sr.; John Hines, E, 6-2/230, Sr.; Mark Hurt, CB, 5-11/175, Soph.; Tommy Oliver, T, 6-4/255, Sr.; Edwin Ross, S, 6-3/200, Jr.; Charles Staples, S, 6-1/190, Jr.; James Tillman, LB, 6-2/218, Sr.
Key Returnees: William Collins, OL, Sr. (RS/medical); Nathaniel Crowell, DL, Sr.; Larry Douglas, NG, Sr.; Walt Frazier, S, Jr.; Tommy Gaston, S, Jr.; Jerry Hood, LB, Soph.; Darron Jenkins, FB, Jr.; Teaster Johnson, CB, Jr.; Timothy Lemons, RB, Jr.; Victor Marshall, WR, Jr.; Lymos McDonald, LB, Jr.; Zefross Moss, OL, Jr.; Darryl Sinkfield, FL, Jr.; Leroy Wanzer, LB, Jr.
Top Newcomer: Rodney Baxter, RB.



Jackson State's Lewis Tillman.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

Coach: Conway Hayman (5-28, 3 years).
1986 Record: 3-8; SWAC: 1-6/8th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Clinton Bell, OT; Sam Caldwell, LB; Eric Gray, LB; Joe Harris, TE; Sam Johnson, WR; Darryl Lindsey, DB; Aaron Longino, DE; Cravon Rogers, TB; Charles Thompson.
Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Lynn Bradford, FB, 5-11/225, Sr.; Ernest Brow, CB, 6-2/190, Sr.; Elias Davis, SE, 5-8/165, Soph.; Patrick Green, C, 6-1/240, Jr.; Greg Montgomery, TE, 6-4/210, Jr.; Herman Moore, T, 6-4/245, Soph.; Victor Pegram, TB, 5-9/190, Soph.; Sherman Smith, T, 6-1/258, Sr. **Defense (7):** Vincent Huffpower, G, 6-0/230, Jr.; Michael Jackson, CB, 6-0/185, Soph.; James Manuel, LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Mark Moore, T, 6-2/230, Jr.; Sheldon Osby, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Kevin Peterson, S, 6-1/195, Jr.; Paul Wyatt, T, 6-4/240, Jr.
Key Returnees: John Burgio, OG, Soph.; Greg Coffey, RB, Jr.; Alonzo Eaglin, OG, Soph.; Jerry Griffin, OG, Soph. (RS/medical); Derrick Hopkins, LB, Jr.; Charles Jefferson, OT, Soph. (RS/academic); Ricky Nobles, OT, Soph.
Top Newcomers: James Anderson, OT (RS); Cornelious Conerly, DT (RS); Scott Fitter, DT (RS); Thomas Houston, DL; Keith Little, DL; Glen Matthews, WR; Leo McCarthy, DL; Kevin Phillips, QB; Mitch Stubblefield, OL.

ALCORN STATE

Coach: Theo Dancy (5-5, 1 year; 23-34-3 overall, six years).
1986 Record: 5-5; SWAC: 5-2/2nd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Milton Barney, WR; Joseph James, LB; Michael Lee, DE; Milton Mack, DB; Demoy McCoey, FB; Robert Washington, OT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Cedric Bush, TB, 5-10/219, Jr.; James Harper, G, 6-1/262, Soph.; Ray Hollivay, TE, 6-3/209, Sr.; Rodney Kelly, C, 6-3/264, Jr.; Barry Robinson, FL, 5-7/178, Sr.; Jerome Vigne, QB, 6-2/193, Jr.; Dwayne White, T, 6-1/277, Soph.; Anthony Woods, G, 6-1/267, Jr. **Defense (8):** Michael Andrews, DB, 5-11/178, Jr.; Samuel Butler, NG, 6-0/282, Soph.; Calvin Cullen, E, 6-3/204, Jr.; Xavier Hall, LB, 6-1/208, Jr.; John Myrick, T, 5-11/254, Sr.; Jack Phillips, DB, 6-0/195, Jr.; Elliott Smith, DB, 6-0/183, Jr.; Kevin Wright, T, 6-3/257, Soph.
Key Returnees: Byron Barney, DB, Sr.; Kevin Coburn, K/P, Soph.; Roy Coleman, DT, Jr. (RS/medical); Samuel Griffin, RB, Soph.; Maurice James, RB, Jr.; Warner Loring, OG, Jr.; Edward Whatley, TE, Soph.; Premal Younger, WB, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Walker Baker, DB; Vincent Carter, DE (RS); Bennie Goods, LB (RS).

JACKSON STATE

Coach: W.C. Gorden (82-31-2, 11 years).
1986 Record: 9-2; SWAC: 7-0/1st.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Darrell Hall, OT; Steve Martin, DT; John Maynie, TE; Stacey Mobley, SE; Leon Seals, DT/DE.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Shannon Boyd, QB, 6-3/199, Sr.; Houston Hoover, G, 6-3/267, Sr.; Kenneth Hudson, C, 6-3/302, Sr.; Thomas Lowery, G, 6-5/265, Sr.; Billy Smith, FB, 6-2/210, Jr. **Defense (8):** Cammie Collins, LB, 6-1/218, Jr.; Dennis Conner, LB, 5-11/245, Sr.; Kevin Dent, S, 6-3/195, Jr.; Carl Johnson, CB, 5-6/155, Sr.; Andre Lloyd, LB, 6-2/248, Sr.; Steven Smith, S, 5-11/185, Sr.; Michael Wallace, CB, 6-0/180, Soph.; Deatrich Wise, T, 6-4/268, Sr.
Key Returnees: Tim Brown, OL/TE, Soph.; Darion Conner, LB, Soph.; Ricky Flowers, SE, Sr.; Lee Holloway, OL, Soph.; Thomas Holloway, OL, Soph.; Daryl Jones, RB, Jr.; Ron Lewis, WR, Soph.; Lewis Tillman, RB, Jr. (RS/medical).
Top Newcomers: Tim Barnett, WR (RS); Joe Crawford, RB (RS); Willie Davis, OL (RS); James Dotson, NT (transfer/Texas A&M); Chris Gale, DE (RS); Shawn Gregory, QB (RS); Dewayne Hall, TE (transfer/Kentucky); Harold Heath, TE; Eric Montgomery, WR (RS); Alex Robinson, RB.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Coach: Marino Casem (first year at Southern; 141-77-8 overall, 23 years).
1986 Record: 5-5-1; SWAC: 4-3/T3rd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Phillip James, OT; Troy Milburn, LB; Ronald Scott, FB; Charlie Smith, NG; Alij Tapp, QB; Leonard Theophile, S.
Starters Returning: **Offense (8):** Gary Campbell, C, 6-3/240, Soph.; Craig Davis, TE, 6-4/225, Soph.; Maurice Hurst, SE, 5-11/185, Jr.; Keith Jackson, G, 6-0/262, Sr.; Farrington Johnson, FL, 5-10/167, Sr.; Joe Kight, G, 6-2/290, Sr.; Gerald Perry, T, 6-5/304, Sr.; Brent Washington, TB, 6-2/205, Sr. **Defense (8):** Michael Ball, CB, 6-0/209, Sr.; Bryant Brooks, LB, 6-3/230, Soph.; Vincent Fizer, LB, 6-4/210, Sr.; Kervin Fontenette, S, 5-9/178, Sr.; Anthony Hudson, T, 6-2/286, Sr.; Gus Myles, E, 6-4/270, Jr.; Rufus Porter, LB, 6-1/208, Sr.; Chris Scott, LB, 6-0/225, Jr.
Key Returnees: Jeff Alexander, RB, Sr.; Marlon Blount, RB, Sr.; Darryl Garner, RB, Jr.; Garrett Grogan, RB, Jr.; Carl Millican, DE, Soph.; Harold Pearson, LB, Sr.; Jeff Sinegal, RB, Jr. (RS); Harvey Wilson, CB, Soph. (RS).
Top Newcomers: Barry Kimbrough, RB (RS); Nathaniel Harrison, QB/P; Robert Valentine, DB (RS).

GRAMBLING STATE

Coach: Eddie Robinson (336-113-15, 45 years).
1986 Record: 7-4; SWAC: 4-3/T3rd.
Offense: Wing-T. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Anthony Anderson, S; Victory Hill, S; Wayne Hill, HB; Calvin Nicholas, SE; Jerome Penn, OG; Patrick Scott, WB; John Senegal, OG; Sean Smith, DE; Arthur Wells, TE; Joe Williams, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Chauncey Allen, QB, 6-3/190, Jr.; Clyde Dyson, FB, 5-8/222, Sr.; Daniel Jones, C, 6-3/288, Jr.; Darryl Smith, T, 6-3/296, Jr.; Ricky Warren, T, 6-3/278, Sr. **Defense (7):** Rodney Branch, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Johnny Carter, T, 6-3/263, Sr.; Sygmond Holland, LB, 6-1/230, Jr.; Leroy Humphries, LB, 6-0/215, Jr.; Tommy Johnson, E, 6-6/235, Sr.; Curtis Maxey, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; Jeffrey Smith, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.
Key Returnees: Chris Adams, DE, Jr.; Sherman Cowley, HB, Sr.; Fred Jones, WB, Jr.; Gerrick Muse, LB, Soph.; Robert Reddix, S, Sr.; Terrence Rose, WB, Jr.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST.

Coach: Ken Pettiford (first year at Mississippi Valley State).
1986 Record: 4-4-1; SWAC: 3-3-1/5th.
Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 5-2.
Key Losses: James Allen, DT; Harvey Carter, OL; Lawrence Hill, WR; Robert Marshall, WR; Robert Miles, DT; James Thompson, OL; Thadd Williams, RB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Derrick Bullock, C, 5-11/280, Jr.; Terry Coleman, RB, 5-10/180, Jr.; Fred Franklin, WR, 6-0/190, Soph.; Ron Hill, WR, 6-1/180, Sr.; Thomas Leonard, QB, 6-1/200, Jr.; Quincy Patterson, G, 6-3/330, Soph.; Danta Whitaker, T, 6-3/245, Sr. **Defense (9):** Vincent Brown, LB, 6-2/240, Sr.; Darryl Gaines, S, 5-10/179, Sr.; Tony Haggie, E, 6-0/215, Sr.; Melvin Hollins, E, 6-3/230, Sr.; Paul Jones, T, 6-2/270, Sr.; Bill Lewis, CB, 5-11/188, Jr.; Terrell Loveless, T, 6-3/240, Soph.; Clarence Trotter, LB, 6-0/210, Sr.; Aaron Williams, LB, 5-10/165, Sr.
Key Returnees: Lanford Collins, QB, Jr.; Donald Holts, DL, Jr.; Emmitt Matthews, RB, Jr.; Roger Simpson, RB, Jr.; Clarence Trotter, S, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Darryl Cox, QB; Tim McMorris, LB; Kenneth Richardson, DL (RS); Johnny Sims, DL (RS); Willie Stewart, QB, (JC).

TEXAS SOUTHERN

Coach: Lionel Taylor (8-24-1, 3 years).
1986 Record: 2-8-1; SWAC: 1-5-1/7th.
Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Darrell Colbert, WR; Prentiss Coleman, WR; Nate Johnson, RB; Curtis Moody, P; Leonard Moon, WR; Donald Narcisse, WR; Tommy Thompson, OT.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Robert Arnold, C, 6-2/275, Soph.; Sean Cook, QB, 6-1/195, Sr.; Sam Emanuelle, G, 6-2/245, Jr.; Vincent Gamble, G, 6-0/300, Soph.; Rudolph Johnson, RB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Kenneth Munson, T, 6-4/290, Sr. **Defense (8):** Arnold Anderson, LB, 6-2/242, Jr.; Ike Butler, CB, 6-1/195, Jr.; Tracy Donavon, NT, 6-0/245, Sr.; Jay Govan, CB, 5-10/175, Soph.; Avery Huff, S, 6-0/185, Sr.; Tony Johnson, LB, 6-0/220, Jr.; Denny Moore, S, 6-1/200, Jr.; Jerry Yarbrough, T, 6-3/280, Soph.
Key Returnees: Dion Asberry, WR, Soph.; Tim McClunnie, TE, Soph.; Ronald Stewart, RB, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Sheldon Allen, DT (RS); Andre Campbell, OT; Harry Johnson, RB (transfer/Texas A&M); Peter Mitchell, OT; James Robinson, DE; Terry Smith, DE (RS); Mike Whitney, DE; Lonnie Wilson, TE (RS/medical).

Changing of the Guard

Southland Has A Different Look For 1987 Season

By CARL DUBOIS

The Southland Conference has undergone major renovations for 1987, leaving fans in need of a program to keep up with the members.

And the quasi-members.

When Arkansas State and Louisiana Tech decided to bolt the Southland in search of a new basketball league (American South Athletic Conference), the Southland quickly coaxed Sam Houston State, Stephen F. Austin State and Southwest Texas State out of the three-year-old Gulf Star Conference. Then Lamar also jumped ship for the ASAC, prompting a belated Southland invitation for a fourth Gulf Star school, Northwestern (La.) State.

Even the new commissioner, Don Landry, comes from Nicholls State, the only point on the Gulf Star left out of the merger.

The four new schools join three holdovers—McNeese State, Northeast Louisiana and North Texas State—to form a seven-team league. The revised Southland won't roll a perfect seven for another year, though, as some schools are being assigned "designated conference games" until a round-robin schedule can be arranged.

No team will have a tougher non-conference opener than **North Texas State**, which christens 1987 at Oklahoma. But the Eagles retain nine offensive starters and 14 of the top 22 defensive players from last year, and many believe this will be Coach Corky Nelson's season to shine.

"Only nine (actually 11) points kept us from being 8-3 rather than 4-6-1 two years ago," Nelson said, "and last year went about like we expected it to. The only surprises were beating TCU and losing to Arkansas State so badly (43-21)."

Southland teams won't have to look at Arkansas State's wishbone anymore, but with its backfield intact, North Texas' version should be formidable. Quarterback Bron Beal again will be passing to split end Marcus Camper and handing off to fullback Darrin Collins. Beal, a junior, also earned all-conference honors for his 41.2-yard punting average.

Defensive end Tom Middaugh and All-SEC safety Mike Rhone represent 40 percent of the returning defensive starters, but several junior college signees will bring immediate help on that side of the ball.

Whether you call them Eagles or Mean Green, North Texas is ready to be called conference champion.

"We feel like that's a realistic goal this

year," Nelson said. "Against Oklahoma and TCU we'd like to compete well and come out with some confidence and without injuries. Then I think we can set our sights on a Southland Conference championship."

Northeast Louisiana returns 13 starters from a 5-6 squad that was a touchdown shy of tying Division I-AA runner-up Arkansas State for the league title.

"We were close to being a good football team last fall, and if we get some breaks as far as injuries and other intangibles are concerned, we can be a good football team this year," said Coach Pat Collins, who has switched to the one-back offense for 1987. That system will give fullback Tommy Minvielle plenty of opportunities to carry the ball.

The Indians will have a good passing combination with quarterback Stan Humphries and wide receiver Chris Jones (a 1985 all-conference pick before injuring his knee last year). All-SEC tight end Tommy Jackson also returns, while tackle John Clement has All-America potential up front.

"On defense," Collins said, "Claude Brumfield is definitely one of the premier defensive linemen in our conference and Terry Jones has tremendous athletic talent at linebacker. Cyril Crutchfield is our top player in the secondary, but we are thinner than last year."

When Coach Ron Randleman took the helm at **Sam Houston State** in 1982, the Bearcats were 13-39 over the previous five years. Last year's 9-2 worksheet, which was marked by a playoff appearance in the school's first season in Division I-AA, gave Randleman a 25-8 record over the last three years.

Sam Houston opens 1987 with 14 returning starters, a 6-0 record in new Bearkat Stadium and high hopes for its debut in the Southland. Senior Reggie Lewis is an exciting quarterback who can both throw (2,078 yards) and run (273). He'll be joined by fullback J.J. Middleton, who rushed for 504 yards in four games before a separated shoulder ended his 1986 season early, and tight end Ricky Eggleston.

Sophomore Bart Bradley, Division I-AA's top returning punter with a 44.5-yard average a year ago, is yet another weapon in a strong Bearkat defense. Junior linebacker Lish Adams and senior cornerback Carl Mims can dominate a game, and the return of safety Tollie Royal gives Sam Houston a solid foundation against the passing blitz that will be the SEC race.

After its worst season ever (2-9), the once-strong **McNeese State** football program is rebuilding from the ground floor. The Cowboys, who made three Independence Bowl trips from 1976-80, replaced John McCann with former Nicholls State mentor Sonny Jackson.

Jackson, who guided the Colonels into the I-AA quarterfinals last year, is tossing out two McNeese traditions—the slot-I

and 4-3 defense—and replacing them with two of his trademarks: the one-back set and five-man defensive front.

Sophomore quarterback Scott Dieterich, who led the league and set school records by completing 141 of 279 passes for 2,031 yards in 1986, should adapt to the change well, and sophomore Tony Citizen (1,088 yards rushing) could be the league's next super tailback.

But the McNeese defense, which gave up 25.8 points per game last year, is a far cry from its "Blue Wall" days, and Jackson has a major job ahead of him there.

"The way we run our offense," Jackson said, "it either works or it doesn't. This is not going to be a team that grinds out the yardage. We either get the big play or our defense might be on the field a long time."

Northwestern State had the Gulf Star's best defense and worst offense in 1986, producing a symmetrical 5-5-1 finish. A sharp reversal may occur this year.

Senior John Stephens, who has rushed for 2,411 yards in three years, is back at his natural position of tailback after a year at fullback. Stephens could be the league's most potent offensive force this year, but Coach Sam Goodwin still is looking for consistency at quarterback.

While the offense looks fairly solid, the defense may struggle. Goodwin must replace seven starters, although quality linebacker Freddie Wallace is not among them.

Southwest Texas State used three quarterbacks and two offensive coordinators last season, and newcomers will man at least one of those jobs in 1987.

McCann comes over from McNeese to run the offense for Coach John O'Hara, while three players will enter fall drills with a shot at the quarterback position. The Bobcats' offensive spark, however, comes from tailback Roy Jackson (1,187 yards rushing). If O'Hara comes up with a good passer, wide receiver Eric Tennessee should make some noise, too.

Defense was the Bobcats' strong point last season. Eight starters return here, including end Arnold Baker and top-notch cornerback A.J. Johnson, but the SEC race will be kind only to balanced teams.

Just two offensive starters return at **Stephen F. Austin**, where a 5-6 performance in 1986 was the first losing record in Jim Hess' five years as coach. The loss of quarterback Todd Whitten also means the loss of 2,287 yards of total offense and 22 touchdowns from last year. Without Whitten's arm, the Lumberjacks' ground game will find it hard to get moving.

Six of the top seven tacklers return on defense, including linebacker Jim Carlton (114 tackles), but only one is a senior and two are sophomores. Unless the Lumberjacks can mature defensively and find a capable offensive leader, they will quickly be felled in the league standings. ■

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McNEESE STATE

Coach: Sonny Jackson (first year at McNeese State; 39-28-1 overall, 6 years).

1986 Record: 2-9.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Darrin Andrus, TE; Doug Brown, OG; Richard Burks, OG; Anthony Fontenot, OT; Flip Johnson, WR; Tony Johnson, FB; Anthony Lewis, CB; Tracy Stringer, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Arthur Alexander, WR, 5-11/165, Sr.; Tony Citizen, TB, 5-11/205, Soph.; Scott Dieterich, QB, 6-0/201, Soph.; David Healy, C, 6-1/224, Sr.; Glen Koch, T, 6-5/290, Jr. **Defense (8):** Jeff Boudreaux, LB, 6-0/215, Sr.; Berwick Davenport, S, 5-11/188, Jr.; Gary Irvin, T, 6-3/235, Sr.; James McGuane, T, 6-3/239, Sr.; Mark McMahon, CB, 5-11/175, Soph.; John Moss, LB, 5-11/200, Sr.; Randy Moss, LB, 6-1/214, Sr.; Bradley Zaunbrecher, LB, 6-3/214, Jr.

Key Returnees: Weylon Daigle, LB, Soph.; Andrew Fagerquist, OG, Sr.; Mike Holleman, P, Soph.; Therman Spikes, OG, Jr.; Lance Wiley, K, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Daniel Cline, DB (JC); Charles Mayberry, DB (JC).



North Texas' Ralph Roberson.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

Coach: Ron Randleman (32-24, 5 years; 119-66-3 overall, 18 years).

1986 Record: 9-2.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Jim DeRossi, OT; Louis Gill, FS; Theron Harrison, DE; Brett Kaiser, OT; Philip Karasek, C; Freddie Nickson, LB; Kelvin Scott, OG; Ricky Wolf, FL.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Ricky Eggleston, TE, 6-3/235, Jr.; Floyd George, G, 6-3/267, Sr.; Reggie Lewis, QB, 6-0/198, Sr.; J.J. Middleton, FB, 5-9/215, Sr.; James Shorts, TB, 5-8/188, Jr.; Keith Willis, SE, 5-8/169, Sr. **Defense (8):** Lish Adams, LB, 6-1/215, Jr.; Donnie Boltzauer, SS, 5-10/188, Sr.; Marvin Brown, T, 6-2/246, Jr.; Andre Finley, E, 6-2/209, Soph.; Odie Harris, CB, 6-0/191, Sr.; Carl Mims, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Mike Ober, NG, 6-4/240, Soph.; Rickey Royal, BANDIT, 5-10/185, Jr.

Key Returnees: Bart Bradley, P, Soph.; Greg Green, DL, Sr.; Billy Hayes, K, Jr.; Bryan Osterhaus, QB, Jr.; Tollie Royal, S, Sr. (RS/academic); Luther Turner, RB, Sr. (RS/academic); Raymond Young, RB, Sr. (RS/knee).

Top Newcomers: Huey Blackmon, DL (transfer/Texas Christian); Daryl Middleton, DL (JC).

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Coach: Pat Collins (39-27, 6 years).

1986 Record: 5-6.

Offense: One-Back. **Defense:** Nickel.

Key Losses: David Christmas, TB; Scott Davis, OG; Charles Durham, CB; Will Johnson, DE; Roger Kelley, LB; Benny Mitchell, WR; Neil Roney, S; David Swilley, OT; Mike Yost, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Charles Andrews, WR, 6-0/177, Jr.; Marcel Bourgeois, G, 6-3/228, Sr.; John Clement, T, 6-4/266, Sr.; Stan Humphries, QB, 6-3/221, Sr.; Tommy Jackson, TE, 6-4/205, Jr.; Kurt Manasco, C, 6-1/267, Jr.; Tommy Minvielle, FB, 5-11/208, Jr. **Defense (6):** Claude Brumfield, T, 6-1/265, Sr.; Cyril Crutchfield, S, 6-1/194, Jr.; Richard Green, CB, 6-0/172, Jr.; Terry Jones, LB, 5-11/213, Sr.; Kevin Joseph, E, 6-2/219, Sr.; Frank Shelvin, S, 6-0/180, Jr.

Key Returnees: Kevin Duhe, P, Sr.; Teddy Garcia, K, Sr.; Chris Jones, WR, Sr.; Jackie Harris, TE, Soph.; Walter Phythian, QB, Jr.; Jeff Steele, WR/RB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Reggie Lawson, OG (RS); Rod Moon, LB (RS); Doug Pederson, QB (RS).

NORTHWESTERN STATE

Coach: Sam Goodwin (19-24-1, 4 years; 28-35-1 overall, 6 years).

1986 Record: 5-5-1.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Brett Blaisdell, OT; Armour Bryant, OG; David Colson, OT; J.T. Fenceroy, LB; James Hall, DE; Gerard Henry, WR; Anthony Jackson, LB; DeShon Jenkins, S; Russ Robinson, DT; Odessa Turner, S.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Keith Childress, G, 6-2/254, Sr.; Orlan Lockhart, TE, 6-2/211, Jr.; Mike O'Neal, FB, 5-11/228, Jr.; Rusty Slack, QB, 6-3/201, Jr.; Jeff Steers, C, 6-0/231, Jr.; John Stephens, TB, 6-1/215, Sr.; Floyd Turner, FL, 6-0/187, Jr. **Defense (4):** Randy Hilliard, CB, 5-11/158, Soph.; John Kulakowski, E, 6-2/229, Sr.; Kevin Lewis, CB, 5-10/171, Jr.; Freddie Wallace, LB, 6-0/213, Jr.

Key Returnees: Gary Cater, S, Sr.; Milton Contrastsch, LB, Soph.; Kenneth DeWitt, TB, Soph.; Al Edwards, WR, Soph.; Keith Hodnett, K, Jr.; Mark Newstrom, DE, Jr. (RS/knee); Mitch Rowe, DT, Soph.; Henry Sibley, DE, Jr.; Scott Stoker, QB, Soph.; Sydney Thissel, LB, Jr. (RS/knee).

Top Newcomers: Greg Amacker, LB (JC); Preston Bradford, TB (JC); Gilbert Galloway, QB (JC); Lee LaPrade, DL (transfer/Texas Christian); Eddy Reid, OL (JC); Mike Thomas, OL (JC).

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

Coach: John O'Hara (23-21, 4 years).

1986 Record: 4-7.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Phil Grandjean, TE; Lee Lundin, S; Kevin Meuth, OT; Dexter Robinson, CB; Henry Thomas, OG; Charlie Vatterott, OT; Gary Wahrmond, DT; Donny Willig, C.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Gerard Bickhan, FB, 6-1/200, Soph.; John Brewer, G, 6-1/254, Sr.; David Haass, QB, 6-1/177, Jr.; Roy Jackson, RB, 5-9/184, Sr.; Eric Tennessee, WR, 6-0/180, Sr. **Defense (8):** Arnold Baker, E, 6-0/208, Sr.; Brad Fuls, LB, 6-1/204, Sr.; A.J. Johnson, CB, 5-9/167, Jr.; Glenn Mangold, E, 6-0/193, Jr.; Jimmy Nelms, S, 5-10/196, Sr.; Reggie Trimble, T, 6-2/243, Sr.; Chris Wilson, NG, 5-10/260, Sr.; Shawn Woods, LB, 6-0/221, Sr.

Top Newcomer: Steve Razo, OL (JC).

NORTH TEXAS STATE

Coach: Corky Nelson (22-32-1, 5 years).

1986 Record: 6-4.

Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** Nickel.

Key Losses: Randy Bentley, OT; Ed Fleming, LB; John Lott, OG; Mike Minter, DT; Archie Sauls, CB; Johnny Schindler, S; Lance White, LB; Steve Williams, DE.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Bron Beal, QB/P, 6-1/195, Jr.; John Boyenga, TE, 6-5/220, Sr.; Billy Brewer, RB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Marcus Camper, SE, 5-9/180, Jr.; Darrin Collins, FB, 6-1/210, Soph.; David McGinty, RB, 5-11/195, Jr.; Kendal Nelson, C, 6-1/250, Sr.; Kevin Phillips, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; Joe Walker, G, 6-3/265, Sr. **Defense (5):** Gordon McFeders, T, 6-0/265, Sr.; Tom Middaugh, E, 6-4/260, Sr.; Kim Phillips, CB, 5-11/180, Jr.; Mike Rhone, S, 6-0/190, Sr.; Ralph Roberson, R, 5-9/175, Jr.

Key Returnees: Robbie Legg, LB, Jr.; Monty Moon, FB, Sr.; Jarrell Tarpley, DL, Sr.; Kenneth Wren, LB, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Major Greene, DL (RS); Huby Hearne, LB; Chad Matthews, QB (RS); Charles Monroe, RB (RS); Bruce Walker, OL; Lance Wiley, CB (JC); Steve Woodard, RB (RS); Richard Worthey, OL.



Sam Houston's Reggie Lewis.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE

Coach: Jim Hess (34-20-1, 5 years; 99-43-4 overall, 13 years).

1986 Record: 5-6.

Offense: Option. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Buddy Blair, C; Henry Canady, TB; Pat Davis, DT; John Evans, TE; Bart Fox, OT; Darrell Harkless, S; Ed Montanye, OG; Anthony Newsom, CB; Andrew Ray, FB; Emil Slovacek, OT; Todd Whitten, QB; Drake Williams, WR.

Starters Returning: Offense (2): Spencer Leftwich, G, 6-1/270, Sr.; Melvin Patterson, SE, 6-2/187, Sr. **Defense (7):** Vince Adams, E, 6-0/232, Sr.; Bruce Alexander, CB, 5-9/162, Jr.; Jim Carlton, LB, 6-1/207, Jr.; David Gibbs, T, 6-0/255, Soph.; Bobby Henry, LB, 6-2/210, Jr.; Keith Melcher, E, 6-3/233, Jr.; David Whitmore, S, 6-0/219, Soph.

Key Returnees: Bo Alexander, OT, Soph.; Brad Barfield, TE, Jr.; Richard Duvall, OG, Soph.; John Erwin, OT, Jr.; Todd Hammel, QB, Soph.; Johnny Hendrix, CB, Jr.; Michael Horace, FB, Jr.; Jeff Jackson, C, Soph.; Pat Jackson, WR, Soph.; George Redmon, S, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Keith Ellison, DB (JC); Julius Smith, LB (JC).

A New Quarterback Era

Big Sky Coaches Have to Replace Some Strong Arms

By JIM POORE

College football's "Leave It to Beavers" show has been canceled. Disappearance of the Beav might cause anguish in Reno, Nev., where the ratings were high, but it will elicit applause everywhere else in the Big Sky Conference.

No longer will Eric Beavers be at quarterback for Nevada-Reno, which won two Big Sky titles in his 3½ seasons of running the team. But while other league schools are glad that Beavers is gone, they can't take too much stock in his departure.

After all, the Big Sky, known for its quarterbacks with the high-mileage arms, has just three starting quarterbacks returning for the 1987 season. And only one of them, Northern Arizona sophomore Greg Wyatt, was considered outstanding in 1986.

A new generation of quarterbacks must move in to replace players like Beavers (8,629 career passing yards), Montana State's Kelly Bradley (8,152), Idaho's Scott Linehan (7,003) and Montana's Brent Pease (3,056 yards passing last year) and thereby maintain the league's reputation as a high-flying operation.

Even Eastern Washington, which becomes a full-fledged member of the Big Sky this fall, is looking for a quarterback.

But no matter who plays quarterback for Nevada-Reno, the consensus in the nine-team Big Sky is that Coach Chris Ault's squad doesn't necessarily need another Beavers to repeat as league champion. Considering the quality of the Wolf Pack's running backs, the likes of Wally Cleaver might be able to get the job done behind center.

One of two junior-college transfers from California, Jim Zaccheo (De Anza College) or Craig Kennedy (El Camino), will be expected to deliver at quarterback in Ault's 12th year at the Nevada-Reno helm.

At running back, Lucius Floyd and Charvez Foger roamed with a vengeance in 1986—Floyd rushed for 1,066 yards and Foger netted 827—en route to All-Big Sky honors.

"Potentially, they're the best I've ever had here," said Ault, whose Wolf Pack team was 7-0 in Big Sky play last season and 13-0 overall (including two victories in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs) before losing to Georgia Southern in the national I-AA semifinals. "We're expecting them to be the dynamite in the package. If we can bring the quarterback along, we'll have a complete offense."

Talented center Tom Klisiewicz and



End Pat Foster is the big foundation upon which Montana's depleted defense will be rebuilt.

two other returning starters, guard John Armstrong and tackle Donal Rose, should provide the holes for the backs. Last year's wingback, Tony Logan, has been moved to wide receiver to help ease the loss of Bryan Calder (the league's No. 3-ranked receiver in 1986).

On defense, eight starters return, led by all-league noseguard Bill Bonsall. There is strength at linebacker, where Jeff Davis

on the outside and Scott Lommori on the inside figure to contend for postseason honors. And Brian Kaskie is playing his fourth season at free safety for the Wolf Pack.

Ault needs to strengthen the defensive line, a unit stripped of two players last fall as the result of drug-testing. A starting

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BOISE STATE

Coach: Skip Hall (first year at Boise State).
1986 Record: 5-6; Big Sky: 3-4/4th.
Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Phil Bartle, S; Barry Black, OT; Robert Bloer, CB; Chuck Compton, CB; Jon Cox, TE; Mike Dolby, LB; Jim Ellis, LB; Brian Knight, LB; Maury Moore, S; Eddy Orinstein, C; Lance Sellars, DE; Rodney Starr, LB; Rex Walters, DE.
Starters Returning: Offense (7): Eric Andrade, WR, 6-1/185, Soph.; Tom DeWitz, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Steve Hale, WR, 6-0/170, Sr.; Kim Hilliard, T, 6-5/245, Jr.; Chris Jackson, RB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Keith Jarrett, QB, 6-0/185, Soph.; Heath McInerney, G, 6-3/255, Jr. **Defense (2):** Ralph Gooding, CB, 6-0/185, Sr.; Pete Kwiatkowski, T, 6-3/245, Sr.
Key Returnees: Corby Bedard, WR, Soph.; Eric Croll, OG, Jr.; Shawn Ellis, LB, Jr.; Randall Hudspeth, S, Sr.; Jeff Lindsley, TE, Jr.; Pat Moore, DL, Soph.; Chris Truitt, DB, Sr.; Dave Vankoughnett, C, Sr.; P.K. Wiggins, K, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Mike Bills, OL (RS); Fred Douglas, LB (JC); Duane Halliday, QB (RS); Larry Hines, LB (JC); Bart Hull, RB/LB; Rod Johnson, DB; Marcell King, RB; Kenny Kuehl, DB (RS); Joe Murawa, OG (JC); Robert Washington, RB; John Youngblood, WR (RS).

IDAHO STATE

Coach: Jim Koetter (20-25, 4 years).
1986 Record: 2-9; Big Sky: 1-7/8th.
Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: John Arbuckle, DT; Merrill Hoge, TB; Troy Knuckles, LB; Bill Lasley, OT; Ron Manu, LB; Dave McCann, C; Nick Olsen, FL; Gerald Richardson, CB; Jerry Tache, OG; Gary Taylor, LB; Thomas Thomas, OT.
Starters Returning: Offense (5): Shawn Beals, WR, 5-10/187, Sr.; Corky Federico, FB, 5-9/210, Sr.; Joe Henderson, C, 6-3/262, Sr.; Gino Mariani, QB, 6-3/205, Sr.; Greg Teeter, G, 6-5/245, Sr. **Defense (9):** Rob Bunting, E, 6-4/246, Soph.; Bob Burkhalter, S, 6-3/180, Sr.; Mike Calley, LB, 5-10/202, Sr.; Don Davis, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Jason Gault, S, 6-0/175, Soph.; Michael Hunt, LB, 6-3/193, Soph.; Tony Manu, LB, 6-0/225, Soph.; Mike Marks, S, 6-0/176, Soph.; Jerry Oates, T, 6-2/242, Sr.
Key Returnees: Butch Caston, TB, Sr.; Brent Collins, DT, Sr.; Clete Edmundson, LB, Sr.; Kirk Gerling, CB, Soph.; Bret Hansen, OG, Sr.; Todd Jones, WR, Soph.; John Leary, OT, Soph.; Ben Lytle, LB, Soph.; Matt Maloney, P, Jr.; Dan Milender, OT, Soph.; Kevin Pettit, WR, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Mike Beacco, C (JC); Joe Funk, WR (RS); Joe Haber, TE (JC); Tony Roland, CB (JC); Paul Schwenke, DT (JC); Jon Weeks, DT (RS); Arthur White, S (JC).

NEVADA - RENO

Coach: Chris Ault (94-36-1, 11 years).
1986 Record: 11-0; Big Sky: 7-0/1st.
Offense: Wing-T. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Eric Beavers, QB; Bob Brown, OT; Bryan Calder, WR; Kent Donithan, LB; Mark Girola, DT; Tony Ivaldi, OG; Scott Martin, DT; Joe Peterson, CB; Henry Rolling, LB; Scott Threde, TE.
Starters Returning: Offense (6): John Armstrong, G, 6-4/245, Soph.; Lucius Floyd, RB, 6-0/195, Sr.; Charvez Foger, FB, 5-11/205, Jr.; Tom Klisiewicz, C, 6-5/255, Jr.; Tony Logan, WR, 5-10/170, Jr.; Donal Rose, T, 6-4/240, Sr. **Defense (8):** Bill Bonsall, NG, 6-0/230, Jr.; Mike Brown, S, 6-0/175, Jr.; Jeff Davis, LB, 6-5/235, Sr.; Bernard Ellison, CB, 6-2/180, Soph.; Robert Ford, CB, 5-10/175, Jr.; Brian Kaskie, S, 5-11/175, Sr.; Mike Lazovich, LB, 6-2/220, Jr.; Scott Lommori, LB, 6-2/220, Sr.
Key Returnees: Harry Williams, RB, Jr. (RS); Marty Zendejas, K, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Scott Belli, DT (JC); Patrick Egu, WR (JC); Beau Harlan, TE (JC); Craig Kennedy, QB (JC); Dio Shipp, LB (RS); Jim Zaccheo, QB (JC).

EASTERN WASHINGTON

Coach: Dick Zornes (55-26-1, 8 years).
1986 Record: 6-5.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Andy Allan, OG; Bill Altana, LB; Mark Cordes, S; David Hanna, OG; Darryl Hunter, CB; Rob James, QB; Mike Kingston, DT; Zach Morgan, C; Dan Moriarty, DE; Mike Peek, DT; Garrick Redden, S; Craig Richardson, WR; Eric Riley, TE; Ed Simmons, OT; Jon Vea, WR; Bentley Williams, CB.
Starters Returning: Offense (3): Brook Aldrich, TE, 6-5/231, Sr.; Jeff Mickel, T, 6-6/282, Jr.; Jamie Townsend, TB, 5-11/184, Sr. **Defense (3):** Brad Faker, LB, 6-3/214, Sr.; Jim Ferster, T, 6-5/240, Sr.; Allen Gilmour, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.
Key Returnees: Quintin Blythe, CB, Soph.; Jamie Buenzli, WR, Soph.; Bob Cardenas, CB, Sr.; Jerome Duffy, CB, Jr. (RS); Paul Farrell, LB, Sr.; Trev Farris, C, Jr.; Tim Floyd, FB, Sr.; Kevin Larew, WR, Sr.; Doug McGill, DE, Sr. (RS); Kevin O'Connor, S, Sr.; Todd Rehn, OG, Sr.; Eric Stein, K/P, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Drew Azure, WR (JC); Steve Cherokee, FB (RS/medical); Andre Corr, CB (JC); Mark Dewulf, DE (transfer/Western Washington); Todd Larson, QB (JC); Mino Pele, OG (transfer/Colorado State); Anton Thompson, S (RS/medical).

MONTANA

Coach: Don Read (6-4, 1 year; 75-95-1 overall, 17 years).
1986 Record: 6-4; Big Sky: 4-4/5th.
Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Jeff Blank, LB; Eby Dobson, K; Pat Hardiman, LB; Brent Pease, QB; Shawn Poole, OT; Mike Rice, WR/P.
Starters Returning: Offense (8): Larry Clarkson, T, 6-7/303, Sr.; Mike Ehlers, RB, 6-2/192, Sr.; Jody Farmer, RB, 6-0/175, Soph.; Scott Hartman, C, 6-4/252, Sr.; Paul Lamb, TE, 6-2/195, Sr.; Tony Lambert, FL, 5-10/170, Sr.; Kirk Scrafford, G, 6-6/255, Soph.; Bill Venard, G, 6-3/255, Sr. **Defense (10):** Kevin Bartsch, LB, 6-2/222, Jr.; Tony Breland, DB, 6-2/195, Sr.; Demedric Cooks, LB, 6-2/232, Sr.; Ward Crawford, E, 6-4/245, Sr.; Pat Foster, E, 6-5/265, Sr.; Dwayne Hans, CB, 5-11/160, Jr.; Greg Nygren, S, 5-11/175, Jr.; Jason Ray, T, 6-0/250, Jr.; David Reeves, S, 6-0/180, Sr.; Rick Sullivan, T, 6-2/235, Jr.
Key Returnees: Tony Arntson, RB, Jr.; Clay Clausen, LB, Jr.; Nate Odden, S, Sr.; Mike Rankin, LB, Soph. (RS/medical); Scott Werbelow, QB, Sr. (RS).
Top Newcomers: Tim Bradford, OT (JC); Don Holbrook, WR (JC); Quinton Richardson, CB (JC); Scott Wales, DT (JC); Tim Winter, QB (JC).

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Coach: Larry Kentera (10-12, 2 years).
1986 Record: 7-4; Big Sky: 5-2/T2nd.
Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Curt Bellar, DB; George Duarte, CB; Keith Eachus, OG; Gary Galante, LB; Tom Gibson, DT; Scooter Justiani, DB; Goran Lingmerth, K; Terry Mahan, WR; Dan Moran, OG; DeJuan Robinson, CB; Greg Roskopf, DT; David Smith, DE; Mark Yuhas, LB.
Starters Returning: Offense (8): Vince Bee-miller, T, 6-5/275, Jr.; Shawn Collins, TE, 6-4/195, Jr.; Anthony Hall, RB, 6-0/198, Soph.; Michael Haynes, WR, 6-2/195, Sr.; Rodney Leota, C, 6-1/225, Sr.; Pat Meech, T, 6-3/280, Sr.; Donri Roberson, RB, 5-10/198, Sr.; Greg Wyatt, QB, 6-3/195, Soph. **Defense (1):** Scott Johnson, E, 6-4/235, Sr.
Key Returnees: Chris Baniszewski, WR, Soph.; Rhoher Bratford, QB/P, Soph. (RS); James Chambers, RB, Sr.; David Lang, RB, Soph.; Fred Lovett, DB, Soph.; Allan Rouse, RB, Sr.; DeWayne Shavers, DB, Jr.; Erik Vance, LB, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Alex Gilmete, LB (JC); Chris Glaze, DL (JC); Andrew Maloata, OL; Charles Matthews, RB (JC); Tom Merriam, DL (RS); Salvador Nava, DB (RS); Mike Sanfratello, DL (RS); Alex Tosheff, OL (JC); LaVon Worly, RB.

IDAHO

Coach: Keith Gilbertson (8-4, 1 year).
1986 Record: 8-3; Big Sky: 5-2/T2nd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Mike Cox, LB; Nolan Harper, LB; Tom Hennessey, LB; Scott Linehan, QB; Fred Lloyd, RB; Darin Magnuson, P; Paul Taggart, OT; Mark Tidd, S; Daryn Young, NG.
Starters Returning: Offense (8): Greg Hale, T, 6-3/270, Jr.; Todd Hoiness, RB, 6-1/209, Jr.; Eric Jorgensen, WR, 5-11/166, Sr.; Neosia Morris, WR, 5-10/180, Sr.; Todd Neu, G, 6-1/274, Soph.; Craig Robinson, TE, 6-4/227, Sr.; Mark Schlereth, C, 6-3/236, Jr.; Troy Wright, G, 6-3/254, Soph. **Defense (6):** Richard Carey, CB, 5-9/168, Jr.; Dan McCanna, S, 6-0/187, Sr.; Jerry Medved, LB, 6-0/206, Jr.; Virgil Paulsen, CB, 5-9/175, Jr.; Kord Smith, DE, 6-2/256, Soph.; Peter Wilkins, DE, 6-4/225, Sr.
Key Returnees: Brian Decicio, K, Jr.; John Friesz, QB, Soph.; Kevin Johnson, LB, Sr.; Jim Medved, LB, Jr.; Ernest Sanders, S, Sr.
Key Newcomers: Shawn Amos, RB (transfer/Minot State); Carlos Carson, WR (RS); Mike Grajek, QB (transfer/Western Montana); John Jake, WR (JC); Mark Matthews, LB (RS); Kevin Smith, LB (JC); Greg Williams, DL (JC).

MONTANA STATE

Coach: Earle Solomonson (first year at Montana State, 24-2-1 overall, 2 years).
1986 Record: 3-8; Big Sky: 2-5/T6th.
Offense: Veer. **Defense:** Multiple.
Key Losses: Derrick Abell, CB; Duane Baker, TE; Kelly Bradley, QB; Kelly Davis, WR; Tim Ellinghouse, C; Don Leake, OT; Toby Petty, FB; Kirk Timmer, LB; Todd Vasey, OG; Mike Vasquez, NG; Pat Williams, OT.
Starters Returning: Offense (3): Pat Bergman, WR, 6-0/187, Jr.; Kirk Copeland, HB, 6-1/202, Sr.; Brian Kaufman, G, 6-4/250, Jr. **Defense (8):** Ron Hanson, LB, 6-2/223, Sr.; Tom Jacobs, T, 6-5/255, Sr.; Bob Kimball, S, 5-10/187, Jr.; Kevin Kirwin, CB, 5-11/187, Jr.; Ken Lang, LB, 6-2/220, Sr.; Matt Micklewright, LB, 6-2/225, Jr.; Rob Pouliot, S, 6-0/189, Jr.; Kevin Wolf, T, 6-2/249, Jr.
Key Returnees: Mark D'Agostino, LB, Soph.; Anders Larsson, K, Jr.; Mark Page, P, Sr.; Mark Rinehart, CB, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Trent Croaker, CB (RS); Brett Davis, HB (RS); Pat Dringman, HB (JC); Rob Kulbacki, QB; Scott McFarland, LB (RS); Matt Mitchell, C (RS); Steve Perkins, DB; Mike Schwartz, LB; John Tetrault, QB; Mark Woodcock, TE.

WEBER STATE

Coach: Mike Price (31-35, 6 years).
1986 Record: 3-8; Big Sky: 2-5/T6th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Eric Brown, RB; Phil Cooper, QB; Chris Darrington, FL; Renaldo Devers, CB; Russell Griffith, P; Darrell Harts, CB; Mike Lee, LB; Jerry Richardson, LB; Mark Russell, DT.
Starters Returning: Offense (7): George Fuller, G, 6-3/255, Sr.; Angus MacInnes, G, 6-3/260, Sr.; Wade Orton, SE, 6-3/175, Jr.; Sean Sanders, RB, 6-0/200, Sr.; Paul Valenzuela, C, 6-1/265, Sr.; Kelly Widmeyer, T, 6-9/300, Sr.; Gerald Wilcox, TE, 6-3/235, Sr. **Defense (6):** Calvin Hampton, S, 6-0/184, Jr.; Joe Hargrove, S, 6-0/187, Sr.; Joe Long, LB, 6-1/217, Sr.; Michael Neal, T, 6-4/265, Sr.; Vernell Quinn, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Taani Tai, E, 6-3/235, Jr.
Key Returnees: Ray Goerke, OT, Jr. (RS); Willie McDonald, FB, Jr. (RS/knee); John Monaco, LB, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Ken Beazer, CB (JC); Todd Beightolt, SE (RS); Tim Davis, DL (JC); Earl Payne, WR/KR (JC).

tackle and a reserve tackle tested positive for steroid use prior to Nevada-Reno's I-AA semifinal game and were declared ineligible for the postseason contest. The two linemen, both juniors in 1986, were told they didn't fit into Ault's plans for '87.

When Nevada-Reno needs him, it can call on Marty Zendejas, who made 14 of 18 field-goal attempts last season. Zendejas is a member in good standing of the noted Zendejas placekicking family, having hit on 55 of 69 field-goal tries in his collegiate career.

In case Floyd and Foger run off to become dealers at one of Reno's many casinos, the teams best poised to overtake the Wolf Pack may be Idaho and Northern Arizona.

If sophomore quarterback John Friesz can take over adequately for Linehan, **Idaho** has a chance—and the fact that the Vandals will play Nevada-Reno in Moscow won't hurt, either.

"The thing in John's favor is that John is going to break in with a group that is experienced in almost every position," Vandals Coach Keith Gilbertson said.

For example, four starters return on the offensive line, led by tackle Greg Hale. And Friesz will be throwing to a talent receiving corps that includes returning starters Neosia Morris and Eric Jorgensen (as well as promising junior-college transfer John Jake).

Kord Smith will anchor the Vandals' defensive line—wherever he plays. A standout at defensive tackle as a freshman last season, Smith is ticketed for a move to end in '87. At linebacker, Gilbertson has three holes to fill but likely will solve two-thirds of the problem with identical twins Jerry and Jim Medved. A talented secondary group features cornerback Virgil Paulsen and strong safety Dan McCanna.

Northern Arizona surprised the league last year by swooping to a second-place finish. This year, the Lumberjacks might match that, but Coach Larry Kentera's staff must shore up a defense that has lost 10 regulars.

The only defensive starter back is end Scott Johnson.

But with Wyatt on hand after throwing for 2,862 yards and 17 touchdowns as a freshman, Northern Arizona may outscore most teams.

Shawn Collins, a tight end who caught 70 passes last year, is back along with offensive tackles Pat Meech and Vince Bee-miller. All-league center Rodney Leota also returns. Leota, not quite of the "Refrigerator" class but nevertheless billed as the "Samoa Sink," was used as a blocking back in some situations last year.

The Lumberjacks return their top two rushers of a year ago, Allan Rouse and Donri Roberson, but Kentera may have to make room somewhere in the backfield for Charles Matthews, a touted junior-college transfer.

Kentera likes the potential of his offense, but cautions, "I can tell you one thing—if you don't have a defense, you're not going to win."

At **Montana**, the Grizzlies have plenty of experience—except at one vital posi-



Linebacker Ken Lang is the top Cat in Montana State's 1987 football plans.

tion.

"We've got a lot of kids back, which is good," said Coach Don Read, who returns eight starters on offense and 10 on defense. "But we lost our senior quarterback (Pease); when that happens, you're still rebuilding."

Read has some big rebuilding blocks, namely All-Big Sky offensive tackle Larry Clarkson, a 6-foot-7, 303-pound senior, and defensive end Pat Foster, a 6-5, 265-pound senior.

Junior-college transfer Tim Winter and redshirt Scott Werbelow will compete for the job of succeeding Pease, who made his only full season as a Grizzly starter a banner one. Pease fired 30 touchdown passes in 1986 as Read, in his first season at Montana, brought a pro-style, multiple offense to Missoula.

Defensive back Tony Breland and sophomore linebacker Mike Rankin, coming off an injury, are expected to stand out on a defensive unit that improved dramatically late last season and helped to cap a run in which the Grizzlies won five of six games.

There is a new coach at **Boise State**, where Lyle Setencich resigned after a 5-6 season—the Broncos' first losing record since the school gained four-year status in 1965 (and, in fact, the Broncos' first losing mark since the school's junior-college days of 1946).

Skip Hall, assistant head coach at Washington, replaced Setencich and was greeted by a team with bona fide talent on offense—running back Chris Jackson, wide

receiver Eric Andrade and guard Tom DeWitz—and some real worries on defense, where just two starters are back. Fortunately for Hall, one of the Broncos' returning defensive regulars is All-Big Sky lineman Pete Kwiatkowski.

Sophomore quarterback Keith Jarrett also is ready, but he may have to battle senior Vince Alcalde and freshman redshirt Duane Halliday for the starting position.

Playing as an independent, **Eastern Washington** posted a 6-2 record (including postseason competition) against Big Sky teams in 1985 and went 5-3 against the league in 1986. Now, Coach Dick Zornes' Eagles will try to do as well in their first season of Big Sky membership.

Zornes has just three starters back on offense and three on defense as the Eagles take the plunge into conference play. Tailback Jamie Townsend, bothered by injuries most of last season, is a player to watch and 6-6, 282-pound Jeff Mickel is sure to be a candidate for all-league honors at offensive tackle.

On defense, Zornes returns two good linebackers—Allen Gilmour in the middle and Brad Faker on the outside—and Jim Ferster is a quality player up front.

Like Zornes, Coach Mike Price of **Weber State** is going to need some immediate help.

The Wildcats' cupboard isn't bare, though, as evidenced by the presence of running back Sean Sanders, who ran for 945 yards last season, and offensive guard Angus MacInnes.

After **Idaho State** defeated rival Boise State last fall for only the third time in 19 meetings, the Bengals self-destructed. Possessing a 2-2 record after the 25-6 triumph, Idaho State proceeded to lose its last seven games of the season.

When it was over, Bengals Coach Jim Koetter revamped his coaching staff. Changes will be needed on the field, too, and the defense is an area of particular concern. Idaho State yielded 37.5 points per game in 1986.

Guard Greg Teeter, quarterback Gino Mariani (19 touchdown passes last year) and tailback Butch Caston are bright spots on the Bengals' offensive unit.

Montana State, I-AA national champion in 1984 but a 2-9 team in 1985 and a 3-8 finisher in 1986, has changed coaches in hopes of getting back on the right track.

The new man in charge, Earle Solomonson, has a pretty fair track record. In his two years as a collegiate head coach, Solomonson has won two national championships. His North Dakota State team, running an option-oriented offense, rolled to NCAA Division II titles in '85 and '86.

Obviously, the passing game—made so fashionable by Bradley (60 scoring passes in the last four seasons)—is now out at Montana State. Regardless of how smoothly the Bobcats make the transition to the veer, their best player on either side of the ball may well be linebacker Ken Lang. ■

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Hambone to Spambone

Georgia Southern Seeks Replacement For Tracy Ham

Number 8 was retired after winning No. 2 at Georgia Southern.

"When I first got here," quarterback Tracy Ham said, "we didn't have enough jerseys to go around—and now we're retiring one. I guess that means we're making progress."

Ham led Georgia Southern to two Division I-AA national titles while wearing jersey number 8. Last year's team barely broke a sweat en route to title No. 2. The Eagles went 13-2 overall, losing only to Division I-A foes Florida and East Carolina. They ranked second among I-AA schools in scoring average and total offense.

But the "Hambone" offense must do without Ham, five other offensive starters and six defensive starters. Who will replace Ham, who passed for 1,772 yards and rushed for 1,048 last season? The three quarterbacks vying for the job—juniors Ken Burnette and Ken Bullock and sophomore Ernest Thompson—combined for less yardage last year than Ham gained in the 1986 championship game, a 48-21 romp over Arkansas State. The "Hambone" has jokingly been renamed the "Spambone" in honor of the Ham substitutes.

Coach Erk Russell has a good fullback in Garry Miller, speed at wide receiver in Tony Belser and a versatile threat in slotback Frank Johnson. Center Dennis Franklin is solid up front.

A linebacking corps led by Robert Underwood and Flint Matthews is the heart of the defense. The line and safety are question marks, but senior Nay Young is a standout at cornerback.

The Eagles have one of the best placekickers around in Tim Foley, who has made 42 of 47 field goals over the last two seasons (including playoff games).

William & Mary didn't have a Ham, but it did have a "Lamb." That would be quarterback Ken Lambiotte, who led the Indians to their first playoff berth last fall.

With Lambiotte gone, "we're pretty wide open at quarterback," Coach Jimmy Laycock said. The candidates most likely to succeed are junior Craig Argo and sophomore Craig Kugler. Whoever wins the job will be in good hands with receivers Harry Mehre and Dave Szydluk, who combined for 102 catches last fall.

Tailback Michael Clemons (1,065 yards rushing last year) is gone, but the Indians have a good one in Erick Elliott, a walk-on last year. Four starters return up front.

There are more question marks on defense, where the Indians could be suspect up the middle. Three starters must be replaced on the defensive line as well as middle linebacker Dave Pocta, the

school's all-time leading tackler.

The first order of business at Tennessee State will be rebuilding one of the nation's stingiest defenses. The Tigers yielded only 178.5 yards per game last season, the lowest figure in Division I-AA. Coach Bill Thomas must replace 14 seniors from that defensive unit.

There is some returning talent, however, particularly linebackers Bryan Williams and Roderick Reed and cornerback Roger Holmes.

Back to spark the offense are quarterback Stacy Grear and top targets Frank Pillow and Steve Studdard. Halfback Quinton Crawford leads the ground attack.

James Madison finished 5-5-1 last season despite playing a schedule rated the most difficult in I-AA by the NCAA. It gets worse this fall as small schools Liber-

ty and St. Paul's are replaced by Richmond and Rhode Island.

Senior quarterback Eric Green and standout tight end Neal Wilkinson again will lead Coach Joe Purzycki's wing-T offense. Four starters return up front.

The Dukes must replace fullback Warren Marshall (4,168 career yards rushing), not to mention three of four starters in the defensive secondary. Shawn Woodson leads a strong linebacking corps.

Arkansas State, Louisiana Tech and Lamar are newly independent after leaving the Southland Conference.

Arkansas State was the I-AA national runner-up last year, and even with 14 starters to replace, the Indians should earn their fourth straight playoff berth.

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ARKANSAS STATE	JAMES MADISON
<p>Coach: Larry Lacey (51-42-3, 8 years). 1986 Record: 9-1-1. Offense: Wishbone. Defense: 3-4. Key Losses: Michael Adams, CB; Fred Barnes, DT; Vincent Barnett, S; Randy Barnhill, OG; Cazy Francis, SE; Rickey Jamison, FB; Clint Ledbetter, DT; Dan Miller, LB; Marvin Neloms, DE; Ron Richardson, OG; Elbert Shelley, S; John Suskie, OT; Boris Whiteside, HB; Anthony Withers, LB. Starters Returning: Offense (5): Dwane Brown, QB, 6-5/180, Sr.; Dennis Forrest, HB, 5-11/185, Soph.; Kenneth Nelson, T, 6-3/215, Soph.; Kenneth Reid, TE, 6-0/230, Soph.; Jim Wiseman, C, 6-3/250, Sr. Defense (3): Charlie Fredrick, NG, 6-2/240, Sr.; Greg Lee, CB, 6-1/195, Sr.; Don Palmer, LB, 6-1/210, Jr. Key Returnees: Frank Richards, K, Sr.; Scott Roper, K, Sr.; Steve Sampson, P, Sr. Top Newcomers: Foot Daley, LB (JC, RS/academic); Putzer Dayton, HB (JC); Jimmy Neal, LB (JC, RS/academic).</p>	<p>Coach: Joe Purzycki (10-11-1, 2 years; 32-33-1 overall, 6 years). 1986 Record: 5-5-1. Offense: Wing-T. Defense: Multiple. Key Losses: Marcus Adkins, CB; Marshall Barnes, S; George Collins, OT; Arnold Grevious, CB; Kelvin Griffin, HB; Warren Marshall, FB; Dean McCullough, LB; Emmitt Thomas, DT; Leon Watts, SE. Starters Returning: Offense (7): Carlo Bianchini, G, 6-0/281, Sr.; Roy Delph, T, 6-3/266, Sr.; Eric Green, QB, 6-0/181, Sr.; Tom Halikman, C, 6-3/266, Soph.; Ron Hilliard, G, 6-0/271, Jr.; Rodney Stockett, HB, 5-7/180, Sr.; Neal Wilkinson, TE, 6-4/226, Sr. Defense (6): Greg Colvin, NG, 6-3/260, Sr.; Jim Eckenrode, T, 6-5/294, Sr.; Chris Jacobs, S, 6-3/209, Sr.; Dan Kobosko, LB, 6-1/221, Jr.; Albert Williams, LB, 6-5/225, Sr.; Shawn Woodson, LB, 6-2/207, Jr. Key Returnees: John Druett, P, Sr.; Tim Garrity, K, Sr.; Greg Lancaster, QB, Soph. (RS). Top Newcomers: Kelvin Dale, SE (JC); Faris Fahed, NG; Lester Hardley, DB (JC); Anthony McIver, DB/SE; Shanon Vissman, LB.</p>
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	LAMAR
<p>Coach: Erk Russell (47-15-1, 5 years). 1986 Record: 9-2. Offense: Run and Shoot. Defense: Split 60. Key Losses: Chris Aiken, CB; Donnie Allen, DG; Larry Boone, DG; Brad Bowen, S; James Carter, OG; Danny Durham, R; Edward Eaves, DE; Tracy Ham, QB; Gerald Harris, FB; Rickey Harris, WR; Monty Sharpe, WR; Fred Stokes, OT. Starters Returning: Offense (5): Tony Belser, WR, 5-10/165, Jr.; Charles Cochran, G, 6-0/260, Sr.; Dennis Franklin, C, 6-0/255, Jr.; Frank Johnson, SB, 5-9/185, Jr.; Ronald Warnock, T, 5-10/225, Sr. Defense (5): Tyrone Hull, T, 6-1/245, Sr.; Flint Matthews, LB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Thomas Porter, LB, 6-2/205, Sr.; Robert Underwood, LB, 5-10/210, Sr.; Nay Young, CB, 5-9/185, Sr. Key Returnees: Ken Bullock, QB, Jr.; Ken Burnette, QB, Jr.; Kenny Butler, LB, Sr.; Taz Dixon, CB, Soph.; Tim Foley, K, Sr.; Keith Geter, WR, Jr.; Steve McCray, WR, Jr.; Garry Miller, FB, Jr.; Pat Parker, P, Sr.; Stan Stipe, C, Sr.; Ernest Thompson, QB, Soph. (RS/ankle); Terry Young, CB, Jr. Top Newcomers: Darryl Belser, WR; Freddy Cuthbertson, QB; Don McClain, WR (transfer/Alabama); Joe Ross, RB.</p>	<p>Coach: Ray Alborn (2-9, 1 year; 15-62 overall, 7 years). 1986 Record: 2-9. Offense: Multiple. Defense: 4-3. Key Losses: Dwayne Dodd, WR; Rodney Holcombe, DE; Andre Jenkins, LB; Alja Jones, DT; Keith McFadden, CB; Marshall Stewart, LB. Starters Returning: Offense (10): Derek Anderson, WR, 5-11/189, Jr.; Stephen Lee, C, 6-2/261, Jr.; Ranzy Levas, WR, 5-9/173, Sr.; Shawn Morgan, RB, 6-0/194, Jr.; Burton Murchison, RB, 5-11/209, Sr.; Brad Oden, G, 6-1/268, Sr.; Shad Smith, QB, 6-4/211, Jr.; Willie Smith, G, 6-2/259, Sr.; Cory Stagg, G, 6-4/281, Soph.; Tim Thomas, T, 6-2/277, Soph. Defense (6): Mark Lerch, E, 6-1/243, Jr.; Kacy Lewis, T, 6-0/255, Soph.; Troy Mack, S, 5-11/203, Jr.; Arthur Moore, S, 5-11/162, Soph.; Taras Payne, LB, 6-1/224, Jr.; Tracey Perkins, CB, 5-10/182, Jr. Key Returnees: Roemond Arceneaux, CB, Jr.; Ed Cockrell, S, Soph.; John Evans, QB, Soph.; Robert Evans, DE, Soph.; Kenny Franklin, RB, Soph.; Paul Johnson, OT, Soph.; Larry Myers, LB, Sr.; James Simpson, DE, Jr.; Willie Walker, WR, Soph.; Keith Washington, DT, Jr. Top Newcomers: Ronnie Boyce, LB (JC); Rodney Caveness, QB (transfer/Abilene Christian); Keith Powe, DL; Scott Thomas, WR (RS).</p>

Only three starters return on defense, but Coach Larry Lacewell has high hopes for linebackers Foot Daley and Jimmy Neal, both academic redshirts a year ago. Noseguard Charlie Fredrick and cornerback Greg Lee are first-rate players.

Junior college transfer Putzer Dayton should make an immediate impact at halfback. Quarterback Dwane Brown, whom Lacewell calls "the best wishbone quarterback in the country," is back for his senior season. So is placekicker Scott Roper, who booted 21 field goals last fall.

The new coach at **Louisiana Tech**, former Mississippi assistant Carl Torbush, should get his kicks from sophomore Matt Stover. Stover broke in with a bang by making 21 of 25 field-goal tries.

Garlon Powell (970 yards rushing) and wide receiver Paddy Doyle (47 catches) should get the ball within kicking range—be it for field goals or extra points. Linebacker Eldonta Osborne and noseguard Courtney Wallace head the defense.

Lamar Coach Ray Alborn has but one

senior on his defensive unit. That means much improvement isn't likely from a defense that last year yielded the most points and yards in school history.

It may be up to the offense, which returns 10 starters, to snap Lamar's string of seven straight losing seasons. The Cardinals have a tremendous running back in Burton Murchison, who rushed for 830 yards despite being hurt last season. Quarterbacks John Evans and Shad Smith both started last year, and both return.

The defection of the three Southland schools made it possible for four Gulf Star Conference teams to join the Southland. The Gulf Star disbanded, forcing **Nicholls State** to become an independent.

Only nine starters (three on offense) return from the Colonels' first playoff team. The biggest loss was quarterback Doug Hudson. First-year Coach Phil Greco, a former Tulane assistant, will choose between Bobby McDonald and Billy Hebert to replace him.

There is less guesswork involved on de-

fense, where the Colonels have quickness, mobility and proven talent in tackle Richard Glover and linebackers Richard Romero and Terrence Cooks.

With senior Jeff Cesarone at the controls, **Western Kentucky** is taking aim at its first winning season in Coach Dave Roberts' four years. Cesarone completed 207 of 397 passes for 2,396 yards in 1986.

Flanker Cedric Jones should replace Keith Paskett as Cesarone's top target. The versatile Joe Arnold keys the Hilltoppers' ground game, while tackle Steve Walsh bolsters a strong line.

On defense, 5-foot-7 linebacker Neil Fatkin proves that good things come in small packages.

At **Northeastern**, Coach Paul Pawlak's switch to the wishbone in 1985 began, to pay dividends last year. Led by junior quarterback Jim O'Leary's 884 yards, the Huskies led Division I-AA in rushing offense. O'Leary has an experienced offensive line, and the defensive front also figures to be strong. ■

LOUISIANA TECH

Coach: Carl Torbush (first year at Louisiana Tech).

1986 Record: 6-4-1.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Neal Atkins, LB; Darren Averitt, OG; Damon Coburn, C; Barry Hamilton, S; Harry Jackson, CB; Walter Johnson, DE; Bobby Leitz, FB; Clayton Shoemaker, OT; Jordan Stanley, QB; Joe Taylor, OG; Tim Thompson, TE; Donald Washington, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (4): Paddy Doyle, WR, 5-11/180, Sr.; Garlon Powell, RB, 6-0/190, Sr.; Mike Turner, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Roderick Wright, WR, 6-0/185, Sr. **Defense (6):** James Blackshire, E, 6-0/220, Sr.; Napoleon Farrow, CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Anthony Moore, T, 6-1/240, Jr.; Eldonta Osborne, LB, 6-2/220, Soph.; Richie Sims, S, 5-11/180, Sr.; Courtney Wallace, NG, 6-0/260, Jr.

Key Returnees: Derrick Douglas, RB, Soph.; Lifford Jackson, WR, Jr.; James Jones, DB, Soph.; Matt Stover, K, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Mike Harvey, RB; Demise Loyd, RB; Kevin Lyssy, TE/DL; James Wilson, S.

NORTHEASTERN

Coach: Paul Pawlak (21-38-1, 6 years; 35-56-1 overall, 10 years).

1986 Record: 4-6.

Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: John Butcofski, LB; Bob Koban, CB; Gary Lee, C; Brian Moriarty, CB; Mike Panaro, DT; Rodney Payne, S; Todd Sandham, OT.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Raymond Gee, HB, 5-10/180, Soph.; Gary Lavoie, TE, 6-2/260, Sr.; Dave Lord, G, 6-6/280, Sr.; Mike McElhenney, T, 6-3/270, Soph.; Jim O'Leary, QB, 5-11/170, Jr.; Kevin Slattery, T, 6-0/260, Sr.; Dan Stokes, G, 6-4/280, Sr.; Brian Walker, HB, 6-0/170, Soph.; Mike Williams, SE, 6-1/195, Jr. **Defense (8):** Scott Bemis, E, 6-0/200, Jr.; Pine Bennett, T, 6-3/240, Sr.; Chris Demarest, CB, 6-2/200, Sr.; Barry Gray, CB, 5-11/190, Jr.; Mal Haidt, S, 6-2/210, Jr.; Neal Johnson, S, 5-10/170, Soph.; Darin Jordan, T, 6-1/250, Sr.; Sal Lupoli, MG, 6-0/250, Sr.

Key Returnees: Toby Goode, C, Jr.; Lance Gordon, K, Jr.; Bill Guidetti, LB, Sr.; Bill Sansone, P, Soph.; Conrad Valentine, DE, Jr.; Mike White, FB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: David Carter, OL; Joe Garlick, QB (RS); Calvin Johnson, HB; David Rusk, K; Mario Taglienti, FB (RS).

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Coach: Dave Roberts (10-22-1, 3 years).

1986 Record: 4-6-1.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple

Key Losses: Marcus Burnett, DE; Arthur Davis, DT; Ron Hopkins, OG; Mark Johnson, S; Vernard Johnson, CB; Allen King, DT; Adam Lindsey, P; Pat McKenzie, RB; Keith Paskett, SE.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Joe Arnold, RB, 5-11/195, Jr.; Johnny Carter, C, 6-0/255, Sr.; Jeff Cesarone, QB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Robert Coates, TE, 6-2/210, Soph.; Cedric Jones, FL, 6-0/170, Sr.; Dean Tiebout, G, 6-4/290, Jr.; Steve Walsh, T, 6-4/295, Sr.; Rob Weinle, T, 6-5/270, Jr. **Defense (6):** David Bailey, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Wayne Bush, LB, 6-1/210, Jr.; Denny Caple, NG, 6-2/265, Jr.; James Edwards, S, 6-1/180, Sr.; Neil Fatkin, LB, 5-7/210, Sr.; Walter Loving, E, 6-3/235, Jr.

Key Returnees: Vincel Anthony, RB, Jr.; Malcolm Darden, SE, Sr.; Calvin Edwards, LB, Jr.; Russell Foster, LB, Soph.; Dan Maher, K, Jr.; Harold Wright, CB, Sr.

NICHOLLS STATE

Coach: Phil Greco (first year at Nicholls State).

1986 Record: 9-2.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Troy Bourgeois, S; Lynn Bychurch, C; Darnell Carmouche, NG; Mark Carrier, WR; Tim Connell, LB; Doug Hudson, QB; Billy Naquin, OG; Darrell Nevis, DT; Patrick Pattan, OT; Mitch Rodrigue, OG; Kevin Smoot, RB; Brian Stropolo, WR.

Starters Returning: Offense (3): Alfred Dorsey, SE, 5-9/175, Sr.; Jerry Havenar, C, 6-3/241, Sr.; Reed Pere, G, 6-2/260, Soph. **Defense (6):** Terrence Cooks, LB, 6-1/235, Jr.; Richard Glover, T, 6-3/268, Jr.; Clarence Robinson, DB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Richard Romero, LB, 6-1/220, Soph.; Dee Thomas, DB, 5-11/175, Soph.; Thomas Williams, R, 6-0/190, Sr.

Key Returnees: Jose Bran, K, Soph.; Thadeus Lumar, LB, Sr. (RS/academic); Brian Wilcox, P, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Jamie Lawson, FB (transfer/Louisiana State).

TENNESSEE STATE

Coach: Bill Thomas (27-5-1, 3 years).

1986 Record: 9-1-1.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Charles Buchannan, DT; Marlon Dean, DT; Steve Dowdell, DT; Onzy Elam, LB; Bart Evans, WR; Stephen Griffin, HB; Steve Holloway, TE; Carl McAfee, DB; Alvin Street, C; Wade Strickland, OT; Keith Tarver, OT; Terry Welch, DB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): James Braden, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Quinton Crawford, HB, 6-3/195, Sr.; John Elder, T, 6-4/265, Sr.; Tommy Faison, C, 6-3/245, Sr.; Stacy Grear, QB, 6-4/200, Jr.; Frank Pillow, FL, 5-11/175, Sr.; Steve Studdard, SE, 6-1/180, Jr. **Defense (4):** Roger Holmes, CB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Roderick Reed, LB, 6-0/230, Jr.; Danny Taylor, LB, 6-2/220, Jr.; Bryan Williams, LB, 6-3/210, Sr.

Key Returnees: Eric Gray, HB, Jr.; Joe Guydon, K, Jr.; Terrance Harris, SE, Sr.; Craig Hodge, HB, Jr.; David Hood, P, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Orsario Jackson, DB (RS); Kenneth Jones, DB (RS); Lee Smith, LB (RS).

WILLIAM & MARY

Coach: Jimmie Laycock (38-40, 7 years).

1986 Record: 9-2.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Michael Clemons, TB; Mike Hackett, CB; Archie Harris, OT; Jeff Heineman, DT; Ken Lambiotte, QB; Ricky Miller, DE; Dave Pisano, TE; Dave Pocha, LB; Todd Smith, DE; Calvin Trivers, CB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Larry Black, FB, 5-11/206, Sr.; Dave Hickman, C, 6-2/242, Sr.; Harry Mehre, WR, 6-0/172, Jr.; Larry Modrak, T, 6-2/261, Sr.; Rick Muller, G, 6-4/242, Sr.; Scott Perkins, G, 6-3/251, Sr.; Dave Szydluk, FL, 5-11/187, Sr. **Defense (5):** Kerry Gray, LB, 6-1/224, Jr.; Greg Kimball, S, 6-1/205, Soph.; Joe Monaco, T, 6-3/244, Sr.; Greg Wharton, S, 5-10/173, Jr.; Dave Wiley, LB, 6-1/207, Sr.

Key Returnees: Steve Christie, K/P, Soph.; Ryan Ferebee, CB, Jr.; Reggie Hodnett, FB, Sr.; Todd Lee, DE, Soph.; John Menke, OT, Sr.; Don Pearce, CB, Sr.; Brad Uhl, LB, Soph.

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*Denotes home game.

AIR FORCE

Colorado Springs, Colo.	(6-5-0)	Falcons
Sept. 5 Wyoming	17	23
Sept. 12 Texas Christian*	x	x
Sept. 19 San Diego State*	22	10
Sept. 26 Colorado State	24	7
Oct. 2 Brigham Young	3	23
Oct. 10 Navy	40	6
Oct. 17 Notre Dame*	3	31
Oct. 24 Utah*	45	35
Oct. 31 Texas-El Paso*	23	21
Nov. 7 Army*	11	21
Nov. 14 New Mexico	x	x
Nov. 21 Hawaii	24	16

AKRON

Akron, O.	(7-4-0)	Zips
Sept. 5 Western Michigan	x	x
Sept. 12 Kent State*	17	7
Sept. 19 Eastern Michigan*	21	24
Sept. 24 Temple	x	x
Oct. 3 Eastern Illinois*	x	x
Oct. 10 Oregon State	x	x
Oct. 17 Delaware State*	x	x
Oct. 24 Louisville	x	x
Oct. 31 Nicholls State*	x	x
Nov. 14 Northern Illinois	x	x
Nov. 21 Youngstown State*	39	40

ALABAMA

Tuscaloosa, Ala.	(9-3-0)	Crimson Tide
Sept. 5 Southern Mississippi†	31	17
Sept. 19 Florida†	42	10
Sept. 26 Vanderbilt	x	x
Oct. 3 S.W. Louisiana†	x	x
Oct. 10 Memphis State	37	0
Oct. 17 Tennessee†	56	28
Oct. 24 Penn State	3	23
Oct. 31 Mississippi State*	38	3
Nov. 7 Louisiana State	10	14
Nov. 14 Notre Dame	28	10
Nov. 28 Auburn†	17	21

ALABAMA STATE

Montgomery, Ala.	(4-7-0)	Hornets
Sept. 5 Albany State*	14	0
Sept. 12 Southern (La.)†	9	27
Sept. 19 Alcorn State*	17	24
Sept. 26 Texas Southern	35	31
Oct. 3 Florida A&M	x	x
Oct. 24 Prairie View A&M	20	14
Oct. 31 Alabama A&M	17	20
Nov. 7 Grambling State*	7	16
Nov. 14 Mississippi Valley*	3	19
Nov. 26 Tuskegee†	21	6

ALCORN STATE

Lorman, Miss.	(5-5-0)	Braves
Sept. 5 Grambling State†	17	19
Sept. 19 Alabama State	24	17
Oct. 10 Texas Southern	35	33
Oct. 24 Southern (La.)	14	13
Oct. 31 Florida A&M*	30	33
Nov. 7 Mississippi Valley*	17	13
Nov. 14 Prairie View A&M	35	20
Nov. 21 Jackson State	17	23

APPALACHIAN STATE

Boone, N.C.	(9-1-1)	Mountaineers
Sept. 5 South Carolina	x	x
Sept. 12 James Madison*	21	20
Sept. 19 VMI†	19	6
Sept. 26 Wake Forest	13	21
Oct. 10 Liberty Baptist*	x	x
Oct. 17 Furman	17	17
Oct. 24 UT-Chattanooga*	20	15
Oct. 31 East Tennessee State	40	14
Nov. 7 Marshall†	27	17
Nov. 14 The Citadel	33	10
Nov. 21 Western Carolina	17	13

ARIZONA

Tucson, Ariz.	(8-3-0)	Wildcats
Sept. 12 Iowa*	x	x
Sept. 19 New Mexico*	x	x
Sept. 26 UCLA	25	32
Oct. 3 Bowling Green*	x	x
Oct. 10 California	33	16
Oct. 17 Oregon State*	23	16
Oct. 24 Washington State	31	6
Oct. 31 Stanford	24	29
Nov. 7 Washington*	x	x
Nov. 14 Southern California	13	20
Nov. 28 Arizona State	34	17

ARIZONA STATE

Tempe, Ariz.	(9-1-1)	Sun Devils
Sept. 12 Illinois	x	x
Sept. 19 Pacific*	x	x
Sept. 26 Nebraska*	x	x
Oct. 3 Texas-El Paso*	x	x
Oct. 10 Washington	34	21
Oct. 17 Washington State*	21	21
Oct. 24 Oregon State	x	x
Oct. 31 UCLA*	16	9

Nov. 7 Oregon*	37	17
Nov. 14 California	49	0
Nov. 28 Arizona*	17	34

ARKANSAS

Fayetteville, Ark.	(9-2-0)	Razorbacks
Sept. 12 Mississippi†	21	0
Sept. 19 Tulsa*	34	17
Sept. 26 Miami (Fla.)†	x	x
Oct. 3 Texas Christian	34	17
Oct. 10 Texas Tech	7	17
Oct. 17 Texas†	21	14
Oct. 24 Houston*	30	13
Oct. 31 Rice	45	14
Nov. 7 Baylor*	14	29
Nov. 14 Texas A&M	14	10
Nov. 28 New Mexico†	x	x
Dec. 5 Hawaii	x	x

ARKANSAS STATE

Jonesboro, Ark.	(9-1-1)	Indians
Sept. 5 Northwestern Louisiana*	30	10
Sept. 12 Mississippi College*	x	x
Sept. 19 Mississippi	10	10
Sept. 26 East Texas State*	44	0
Oct. 3 McNeese State	23	14
Oct. 17 Louisiana Tech*	20	17
Oct. 24 Southern Illinois	22	7
Oct. 31 Memphis State	30	10
Nov. 7 North Texas State*	43	21
Nov. 14 Lamar	56	7
Nov. 21 Northeast Louisiana	26	21

ARMY

West Point, N.Y.	(6-5-0)	Cadets
Sept. 12 Holy Cross*	14	17
Sept. 19 Kansas State	x	x
Sept. 26 The Citadel*	x	x
Oct. 3 Wake Forest*	14	49
Oct. 10 Boston College	20	27
Oct. 17 Colgate*	x	x
Oct. 24 Rutgers*	7	35
Oct. 31 Temple*	x	x
Nov. 7 Air Force	21	11
Nov. 14 Lafayette*	56	48
Dec. 5 Navy†	27	7

AUBURN

Auburn, Ala.	(9-2-0)	Tigers
Sept. 5 Texas*	x	x
Sept. 12 Kansas*	x	x
Sept. 26 Tennessee	34	8
Oct. 3 North Carolina	x	x
Oct. 10 Vanderbilt*	31	9
Oct. 17 Georgia Tech	31	10
Oct. 24 Mississippi State*	35	6
Oct. 31 Florida*	17	18
Nov. 7 Florida State*	x	x
Nov. 14 Georgia	16	20
Nov. 28 Alabama†	21	17

AUSTIN PEAY STATE

Clarksville, Tenn.	(5-6-0)	Governors
Sept. 5 Kansas State	x	x
Sept. 12 UT-Martin	36	0
Sept. 19 Southern Illinois*	17	24
Sept. 26 Tennessee Tech*	23	13
Oct. 3 Middle Tennessee	7	0
Oct. 10 Morehead State*	10	27
Oct. 17 Youngstown State	13	10
Oct. 24 Western Kentucky*	20	34
Oct. 31 Eastern Kentucky	17	27
Nov. 14 Cincinnati	x	x
Nov. 21 Murray State	14	24

BALL STATE

Muncie, Ind.	(6-5-0)	Cardinals
Sept. 12 Toledo	27	10
Sept. 19 Bowling Green*	17	20
Sept. 26 Wisconsin	x	x
Oct. 3 Miami of Ohio	7	45
Oct. 10 Kent State*	26	17
Oct. 17 Eastern Michigan	7	14
Oct. 24 Central Michigan*	22	43
Oct. 31 Northern Illinois*	20	10
Nov. 7 Western Michigan	24	10
Nov. 14 Ohio*	30	9
Nov. 21 Indiana State†	16	3

BAYLOR

Waco, Tex.	(8-3-0)	Bears
Sept. 5 Louisiana Tech*	38	7
Sept. 12 Missouri	x	x
Sept. 19 Nevada-Las Vegas	x	x
Sept. 26 Texas Tech*	45	14
Oct. 3 Houston	27	13
Oct. 10 Southwest Texas State*	x	x
Oct. 17 Texas A&M*	30	31
Oct. 24 Texas Christian*	28	17
Nov. 7 Arkansas	29	14
Nov. 14 Rice*	23	17
Nov. 21 Texas	18	13

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

Daytona Beach, Fla.	(3-8-0)	Wildcats
Sept. 5 Central Florida	14	26
Sept. 12 Morgan State	52	9

Sept. 19 Howard*	30	6
Sept. 26 Grambling State	24	30
Oct. 3 Delaware State	17	34
Oct. 10 Georgia Southern*	31	52
Oct. 17 South Carolina State	14	28
Oct. 31 North Carolina A&T*	24	30
Nov. 7 Tennessee State	10	13
Nov. 14 Morris Brown	20	13
Nov. 28 Florida A&M	6	16

BOISE STATE

Boise, Idaho	(5-6-0)	Broncos
Sept. 5 Delaware State*	x	x
Sept. 12 Cal State-Northridge*	x	x
Sept. 26 Weber State	23	13
Oct. 3 Montana State*	31	14
Oct. 10 Eastern Washington*	19	21
Oct. 17 Montana	31	0
Oct. 24 Idaho State*	6	25
Oct. 31 Utah*	x	x
Nov. 7 Nevada-Reno*	16	21
Nov. 14 Northern Arizona*	14	17
Nov. 21 Idaho*	14	21

BOSTON COLLEGE

Chestnut Hill, Mass.	(8-3-0)	Eagles
Sept. 5 Texas Christian*	x	x
Sept. 12 Temple*	38	29
Sept. 19 Southern California	x	x
Sept. 26 Penn State*	14	26
Oct. 3 Pittsburgh	x	x
Oct. 10 Army*	27	20
Oct. 17 Rutgers	9	11
Oct. 24 West Virginia*	19	10
Oct. 31 Tennessee*	x	x
Nov. 7 Notre Dame	x	x
Nov. 14 Syracuse	27	9

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston	(4-7-0)	Terriers
Sept. 12 Indiana State	x	x
Sept. 19 New Hampshire*	9	26
Sept. 26 Maine	26	23
Oct. 3 Villanova	x	x
Oct. 10 Connecticut*	7	24
Oct. 17 Rhode Island*	17	0
Oct. 24 Massachusetts	25	34
Oct. 31 Richmond*	15	56
Nov. 7 The Citadel*	x	x
Nov. 14 Colgate	45	17
Nov. 21 Delaware	45	35

BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green, State	(5-6-0)	Falcons
Sept. 5 Penn State	x	x
Sept. 12 Youngstown State*	x	x
Sept. 19 Ball State	20	17
Sept. 26 Western Michigan*	17	3
Oct. 3 Arizona	x	x
Oct. 10 Ohio	21	16
Oct. 17 Toledo*	3	22
Oct. 31 Miami of Ohio	7	24
Nov. 7 Kent State*	31	15
Nov. 14 Eastern Michigan	24	10
Nov. 21 Central Michigan*	10	20

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Provo, Utah	(8-4-0)	Cougars
Sept. 5 Pittsburgh*	x	x
Sept. 12 Texas	x	x
Sept. 19 Texas Christian	x	x
Sept. 26 New Mexico	31	30
Oct. 2 Air Force*	23	3
Oct. 10 Wyoming*	34	22
Oct. 17 Colorado State	20	24
Oct. 24 Utah State*	52	0
Oct. 31 Hawaii	10	3
Nov. 7 San Diego State*	3	10
Nov. 14 Texas-El Paso	37	13
Nov. 21 Utah*	35	21

BROWN

Providence, R.I.	(5-4-1)	Bruins
Sept. 12 Yale	21	7
Sept. 26 Rhode Island*	27	7
Oct. 3 Princeton*	24	10
Oct. 10 Pennsylvania	0	34
Oct. 17 Cornell†	9	27
Oct. 24 Holy Cross	7	22
Oct. 31 Harvard*	31	19
Nov. 7 Lehigh	x	x
Nov. 14 Dartmouth	21	21
Nov. 21 Columbia*	45	7

BUCKNELL

Lewisburg, Pa.	(3-7-0)	Bison
Sept. 12 Colgate	40	39
Sept. 19 Davidson	27	7
Sept. 26 Pennsylvania*	7	10
Oct. 3 Harvard	x	x
Oct. 10 Lafayette	34	52
Oct. 17 Holy Cross*	10	17
Oct. 24 Columbia*	x	x
Oct. 31 Cornell	3	16
Nov. 7 William & Mary	13	30
Nov. 14 Lehigh*	7	17

CALIFORNIA

Berkeley, Calif.	(2-9-0)	Golden Bears
Sept. 5 Pacific*	x	x
Sept. 12 San Jose State*	14	35
Sept. 19 Minnesota	x	x
Sept. 26 Southern California*	3	28

Oct. 3 Tennessee	x	x
Oct. 10 Arizona*	16	33
Oct. 24 UCLA	10	36
Oct. 31 Oregon	9	27
Nov. 14 Arizona State*	0	49
Nov. 21 Stanford	17	11
Nov. 28 Washington State†	31	21

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Mt. Pleasant, Mich.	(5-5-0)	Chippewas
Sept. 5 Miami of Ohio*	21	59
Sept. 12 Idaho	34	21
Sept. 26 Minnesota	x	x
Oct. 3 Kent State	30	33
Oct. 10 Eastern Michigan*	16	34
Oct. 17 Tulsa*	6	42
Oct. 24 Ball State	43	22
Oct. 31 Western Michigan*	18	10
Nov. 7 Ohio	56	27
Nov. 14 Toledo*	14	26
Nov. 21 Bowling Green	20	10

CINCINNATI

Cincinnati	(5-6-0)	Bearcats
Sept. 5 Rutgers*	28	48
Sept. 12 Louisville	24	17
Sept. 19 Penn State	17	23
Sept. 26 Miami of Ohio*	45	38
Oct. 10 Eastern Carolina	19	32
Oct. 17 West Virginia	x	x
Oct. 24 Miami (Fla.)*	13	45
Oct. 31 Tennessee Tech*	x	x
Nov. 7 Indiana State	46	14
Nov. 14 Austin Peay State*	x	x
Nov. 21 Virginia Tech	24	20

CITADEL, THE

Charleston, S.C.	(3-8-0)	Buildings
Sept. 5 Wofford*	20	6
Sept. 12 Georgia Tech	x	x
Sept. 19 Presbyterian*	15	13
Sept. 26 Army	x	x
Oct. 10 VMI*	30	47
Oct. 17 UT-Chattanooga	7	42
Oct. 24 East Tennessee State	9	35
Oct. 31 Western Carolina*	12	27
Nov. 7 Boston University	x	x
Nov. 14 Appalachian State*	10	33
Nov. 21 Furman*	14	37

CLEMSON

Clemson, S.C.		(7-2-2)	Tiger
Sept. 5	Western Carolina*	x	
Sept. 12	Virginia Tech	14	20
Sept. 19	Georgia*	31	20
Sept. 26	Georgia Tech*	27	3
Oct. 10	Virginia*	31	13
Oct. 17	Duke*	35	3
Oct. 24	North Carolina State*	3	27
Oct. 31	Wake Forest*	28	20
Nov. 7	North Carolina	38	10
Nov. 14	Maryland*	17	17
Nov. 21	South Carolina	21	21

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Oct. 10	Princeton	14	20
Oct. 17	Yale*	0	47
Oct. 24	Bucknell	x	x
Oct. 31	Lehigh*	x	x
Nov. 7	Dartmouth*	0	41
Nov. 14	Cornell	0	28
Nov. 21	Brown	7	45

CONNECTICUT			
Storrs, Conn.			
Sept. 12	Southern Connecticut*	x	x
Sept. 19	Northeastern*	26	20
Sept. 26	Yale	17	12
Oct. 3	Richmond	29	22
Oct. 10	Boston University	24	7
Oct. 17	Massachusetts*	20	17
Oct. 24	Maine	35	19
Oct. 31	Villanova*	x	x
Nov. 7	Delaware*	7	35
Nov. 14	Rhode Island*	21	14
Nov. 21	New Hampshire*	19	42

CORNELL			
Ithaca, N.Y.			
Sept. 19	Pennsylvania	21	31
Sept. 26	Colgate*	21	12
Oct. 3	Lafayette*	22	33
Oct. 10	Harvard*	3	0
Oct. 17	Brown	27	9
Oct. 24	Dartmouth*	10	7
Oct. 31	Bucknell*	16	3
Nov. 7	Yale	15	0
Nov. 14	Columbia*	28	0
Nov. 21	Princeton	39	8

DARTMOUTH			
Hanover, N.H.			
Sept. 19	Princeton*	28	6
Sept. 26	New Hampshire	12	66
Oct. 3	Davidson*	x	x
Oct. 10	Holy Cross*	7	48
Oct. 17	Harvard	26	42
Oct. 24	Cornell	7	10
Oct. 31	Yale*	39	13
Nov. 7	Columbia	41	0
Nov. 14	Brown*	21	21
Nov. 21	Pennsylvania	7	21

DAVIDSON			
Davidson, N.C.			
Sept. 5	Presbyterian	x	x
Sept. 12	Lehigh	x	x
Sept. 19	Bucknell*	7	27
Sept. 26	Princeton	x	x
Oct. 3	Dartmouth	x	x
Oct. 10	Wingate*	x	x
Oct. 17	Lafayette	14	51
Oct. 24	Wofford	10	20
Oct. 31	Furman	0	59
Nov. 7	West Virginia Tech*	x	x
Nov. 14	Catawba*	28	51

DELAWARE			
Newark, Del.			
Sept. 12	Rhode Island	44	10
Sept. 19	West Chester*	33	31
Sept. 26	Richmond*	20	19
Oct. 3	New Hampshire	21	28
Oct. 10	Massachusetts*	41	13
Oct. 17	William & Mary	18	24
Oct. 24	Lehigh	28	17
Oct. 31	Maine*	34	31
Nov. 7	Connecticut	35	7
Nov. 14	Yale	27	14
Nov. 21	Boston University*	35	45

DELAWARE STATE			
Dover, Del.			
Sept. 5	Boise State	x	x
Sept. 19	Morgan State*	40	12
Oct. 3	Bethune-Cookman*	34	17
Oct. 10	Clark College*	x	x
Oct. 17	Akron	x	x
Oct. 24	Towson State	10	6
Oct. 31	South Carolina State	34	21
Nov. 7	North Carolina A&T*	17	20
Nov. 14	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	x	x
Nov. 21	Howard*	18	27

DUKE			
Durham, N.C.			
Sept. 5	Colgate*	x	x
Sept. 12	Northwestern*	17	6
Sept. 19	Vanderbilt*	18	24
Sept. 26	Virginia	20	13
Oct. 3	Rutgers†	x	x
Oct. 17	Clemson	3	35
Oct. 24	Maryland	19	27
Oct. 31	Georgia Tech*	6	34
Nov. 7	Wake Forest	38	36
Nov. 14	North Carolina State*	15	29
Nov. 21	North Carolina	35	42
†East Rutherford, N.J.			

EAST CAROLINA			
Greenville, N.C.			
Sept. 5	North Carolina State	10	38
Sept. 12	Florida State*	x	x
Sept. 19	Illinois	x	x
Sept. 26	Georgia Southern*	35	33
Oct. 3	West Virginia	21	24
Oct. 10	Cincinnati*	32	19
Oct. 17	Virginia Tech	x	x
Oct. 24	South Carolina	3	38
Oct. 31	Miami (Fla.)*	10	36
Nov. 7	Temple*	28	45
Nov. 14	Southern Mississippi	21	23

EASTERN ILLINOIS			
Charleston, Ill.			
Sept. 5	San Jose State	x	x
Sept. 12	Northeast Missouri State	41	31
Sept. 19	Illinois State	20	23
Sept. 26	Liberty Baptist	40	15
Oct. 3	Akron	x	x
Oct. 10	Western Illinois*	37	3
Oct. 17	Indiana State*	31	14
Oct. 24	SW Missouri State*	34	20
Oct. 31	Northern Iowa	31	30
Nov. 7	Southern Illinois*	52	7
Nov. 14	Western Kentucky	35	18

EASTERN KENTUCKY			
Richmond, Ky.			
Sept. 12	UT-Chattanooga	23	3
Sept. 19	Marshall*	13	13
Sept. 26	Central Florida	51	24
Oct. 3	Western Kentucky*	10	24
Oct. 10	Murray State*	15	17
Oct. 17	Middle Tennessee	28	3
Oct. 24	Youngstown State	38	17
Oct. 31	Austin Peay State*	27	17
Nov. 7	Tennessee Tech	42	14
Nov. 21	Morehead State*	23	6

EASTERN MICHIGAN			
Ypsilanti, Mich.			
Sept. 5	Youngstown State*	18	17
Sept. 12	Miami of Ohio	20	34
Sept. 19	Akron	24	21
Sept. 26	Kent State	16	20
Oct. 3	Northern Illinois*	14	21
Oct. 10	Central Michigan	34	16
Oct. 17	Ball State*	14	7
Oct. 24	Western Michigan	21	14
Oct. 31	Ohio*	33	31
Nov. 7	Toledo	18	23
Nov. 14	Bowling Green*	10	24

EASTERN WASHINGTON			
Cheney, Wash.			
Sept. 5	Augustana (S.D.)*	x	x
Sept. 12	Nevada-Reno*	22	56
Sept. 19	Idaho State*	34	7
Sept. 26	Montana State	27	14
Oct. 3	Stephen F. Austin	x	x
Oct. 10	Boise State	21	19
Oct. 17	Illinois State*	x	x
Oct. 24	Idaho	10	27
Oct. 31	Northern Arizona	28	6
Nov. 7	Weber State	41	31
Nov. 14	Montana*	37	42

EAST TENNESSEE STATE			
Johnson City, Tenn.			
Sept. 5	William & Mary*	x	x
Sept. 12	Wofford	52	3
Sept. 19	UT-Chattanooga*	18	17
Sept. 26	Western Carolina*	16	43
Oct. 3	Furman	25	13
Oct. 10	Marshall	19	34
Oct. 17	The Citadel*	35	9
Oct. 24	Appalachian State*	14	40
Nov. 7	North Carolina State	x	x
Nov. 14	VMI	31	20
Nov. 21	James Madison*	3	34

FLORIDA			
Gainesville, Fla.			
Sept. 5	Miami (Fla.)	15	23
Sept. 12	Tulsa*	x	x
Sept. 19	Alabama†	7	21
Sept. 26	Mississippi State*	10	16
Oct. 3	Louisiana State	17	28
Oct. 10	Fullerton State*	x	x
Oct. 17	Temple*	x	x
Oct. 24	Auburn	18	17
Nov. 7	Georgia	31	19
Nov. 14	Kentucky*	3	10
Nov. 28	Florida State*	17	13
†Birmingham, Ala.			

FLORIDA A&M			
Tallahassee, Fla.			
Sept. 5	Tuskegee Institute*	17	9
Sept. 12	Georgia Southern†	12	35
Sept. 19	Mississippi Valley*	x	x
Sept. 26	Tennessee State*	12	34
Oct. 3	Alabama State	x	x
Oct. 10	Central (O.) State†	3	41
Oct. 17	South Carolina State	26	3
Oct. 24	Alcorn State	33	30
Nov. 7	Southern (La.)	14	30
Nov. 14	Central Florida*	x	x
Nov. 28	Bethune-Cookman§	16	6
†Jacksonville, Fla.			
‡Miami			
§Tampa			

FLORIDA STATE			
Tallahassee, Fla.			
Sept. 5	Texas Tech*	x	x
Sept. 12	East Carolina	x	x
Sept. 19	Memphis State*	x	x
Sept. 26	Michigan State	x	x
Oct. 3	Miami (Fla.)*	23	41
Oct. 10	Southern Mississippi	49	13
Oct. 17	Louisville*	54	18
Oct. 24	Tulane*	54	21
Nov. 7	Auburn	x	x
Nov. 14	Furman*	x	x
Nov. 28	Florida	13	17

FRESNO STATE			
Fresno, Calif.			
Sept. 5	Washington State	x	x
Sept. 12	Western Illinois*	x	x
Sept. 19	UCLA	x	x
Oct. 3	Long Beach State*	25	12
Oct. 10	Southern Illinois*	x	x
Oct. 17	San Jose State*	41	45
Oct. 24	Pacific	10	9
Oct. 31	Nevada-Las Vegas*	36	7
Nov. 7	Fullerton State*	30	20
Nov. 14	Utah State	14	7
Nov. 21	New Mexico State	17	14

FULLERTON STATE			
Fullerton, Calif.			
Sept. 5	Hawaii	15	26
Sept. 12	Louisiana State	x	x
Sept. 19	Long Beach State*	20	30
Sept. 26	Utah State	33	0
Oct. 3	San Jose State	24	48
Oct. 10	Florida	x	x
Oct. 17	Nevada-Las Vegas*	23	40
Oct. 24	Northern Illinois	x	x
Oct. 31	New Mexico State*	21	24
Nov. 7	Fresno State	20	30
Nov. 14	Pacific*	39	38
Nov. 21	Montana*	x	x

FURMAN			
Greenville, S.C.			
Sept. 5	South Carolina State	34	7
Sept. 12	Presbyterian*	45	31
Sept. 19	Western Carolina	13	19
Sept. 26	UT-Chattanooga*	21	10
Oct. 3	Marshall*	38	10
Oct. 10	East Tennessee State*	13	25
Oct. 17	Appalachian State*	17	17
Oct. 24	Davidson*	59	0
Nov. 7	VMI*	34	3
Nov. 14	Florida State	x	x
Nov. 21	The Citadel	37	14

GEORGIA			
Athens, Ga.			
Sept. 5	Virginia*	x	x
Sept. 12	Oregon State*	x	x
Sept. 19	Clemson	28	31
Sept. 26	South Carolina*	31	26
Oct. 3	Mississippi	14	10
Oct. 10	Louisiana State*	14	23
Oct. 17	Vanderbilt	38	16
Oct. 24	Kentucky*	31	9
Nov. 7	Florida	19	31
Nov. 14	Auburn*	20	16
Nov. 28	Georgia Tech	31	24

GEORGIA SOUTHERN			
Statesboro, Ga.			
Sept. 5	Catawba*	x	x
Sept. 12	Florida A&M†	35	12
Sept. 19	Middle Tennessee State*	34	31
Sept. 26	East Carolina	33	35
Oct. 3	Central Florida	33	23
Oct. 10	Bethune-Cookman†	52	31
Oct. 17	Northwest Louisiana	x	x
Oct. 24	Western Carolina	x	x
Oct. 31	Western Kentucky*	49	32
Nov. 7	James Madison*	45	35
Nov. 21	South Carolina State	28	7
†Jacksonville, Fla.			

GEORGIA TECH		(5-5-1)
Atlanta	●	Yellow Jackets
Sept. 12	The Citadel*	x x
Sept. 19	North Carolina*	20 21
Sept. 26	Clemson	3 27
Oct. 3	North Carolina State	59 21
Oct. 10	Indiana State*	x x
Oct. 17	Auburn*	10 31
Oct. 24	Tennessee	14 13
Oct. 31	Duke	34 6
Nov. 7	Virginia*	28 14
Nov. 21	Wake Forest*	21 24
Nov. 28	Georgia*	24 31

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Oct. 10	Ohio State	22	24
Oct. 17	Minnesota	17	19
Oct. 24	Michigan	14	38
Oct. 31	Iowa	x	x
Nov. 7	Illinois*	16	21
Nov. 14	Michigan State	17	14
Nov. 21	Purdue*	15	17

INDIANA STATE (3-8-0)			
Terre Haute, Ind. • Sycamores			
Sept. 5	Salem*	x	x
Sept. 12	Boston University*	x	x
Sept. 19	Western Illinois	x	x
Sept. 26	Northern Iowa*	10	45
Oct. 3	SW Missouri State	14	10
Oct. 10	Georgia Tech	x	x
Oct. 17	Eastern Illinois	14	31
Oct. 24	Illinois State	28	38
Oct. 31	Southern Illinois*	14	16
Nov. 7	Cincinnati*	14	46
Nov. 21	Ball State*	3	16

IOWA (8-3-0)			
Iowa City, Ia. • Hawkeyes			
Aug. 3	Tennessee†	x	x
Sept. 12	Arizona	x	x
Sept. 19	Iowa State	43	7
Sept. 26	Kansas State*	x	x
Oct. 3	Michigan State*	24	21
Oct. 10	Wisconsin	17	6
Oct. 17	Michigan	17	20
Oct. 24	Purdue*	42	14
Oct. 31	Indiana*	x	x
Nov. 7	Northwestern	27	20
Nov. 14	Ohio State	10	31
Nov. 21	Minnesota*	30	27

IOWA STATE (6-5-0)			
Ames, Ia. • Cyclones			
Sept. 12	Tulane	x	x
Sept. 19	Iowa*	7	43
Sept. 26	Wyoming	21	10
Oct. 3	Oklahoma*	0	38
Oct. 10	Northern Iowa	x	x
Oct. 17	Missouri*	37	14
Oct. 24	Kansas	13	10
Oct. 31	Colorado*	3	31
Nov. 7	Nebraska	14	15
Nov. 14	Kansas State*	48	39
Nov. 21	Oklahoma State	14	21

JACKSON STATE (9-2-0)			
Jackson, Miss. • Tigers			
Sept. 12	Tennessee State†	10	20
Sept. 19	Prairie View A&M†	32	24
Sept. 26	Mississippi Valley	26	8
Oct. 3	North Carolina Central†	x	x
Oct. 10	Southern (La.)*	16	9
Oct. 17	Grambling State*	25	14
Oct. 24	Southern Mississippi	x	x
Oct. 31	Texas Southern	37	7
Nov. 7	NW (La.) State	x	x
Nov. 14	Alcorn State*	23	17

JAMES MADISON (5-5-1)			
Harrisonburg, Va. • Dukes			
Sept. 5	Rhode Island*	x	x
Sept. 12	Appalachian State	20	21
Sept. 19	Morehead State*	24	27
Sept. 26	Massachusetts	14	16
Oct. 3	Richmond*	x	x
Oct. 10	VMU	39	7
Oct. 17	William & Mary	42	33
Oct. 24	Towson State	7	7
Nov. 7	Georgia Southern	35	45
Nov. 14	Northwestern*	15	2
Nov. 21	East Tennessee State	34	3

KANSAS (3-8-0)			
Lawrence, Kan. • Jayhawks			
Sept. 12	Auburn	x	x
Sept. 19	Kent State*	x	x
Sept. 26	Louisiana Tech*	x	x
Oct. 3	Southern Illinois*	35	23
Oct. 10	Nebraska	0	70
Oct. 17	Colorado	10	17
Oct. 24	Iowa State*	10	13
Oct. 31	Oklahoma*	3	64
Nov. 7	Kansas State	12	29
Nov. 14	Oklahoma State*	6	24
Nov. 21	Missouri	0	48

KANSAS STATE (2-9-0)			
Manhattan, Kan. • Wildcats			
Sept. 5	Austin Peay*	x	x
Sept. 19	Army*	x	x
Sept. 26	Iowa	x	x
Oct. 3	Tulsa*	x	x
Oct. 10	Missouri	6	17
Oct. 17	Oklahoma*	10	56
Oct. 24	Nebraska	0	38
Oct. 31	Oklahoma State	3	23
Nov. 7	Kansas*	29	12
Nov. 14	Iowa State	19	48
Nov. 21	Colorado*	3	49

KENT STATE (5-6-0)			
Kent, O. • Golden Flashes			
Sept. 12	Akron	7	17
Sept. 19	Kansas	x	x
Sept. 26	Eastern Michigan*	20	16
Oct. 3	Central Michigan*	33	30
Oct. 10	Ball State	17	26

Oct. 17	Western Michigan*	7	27
Oct. 24	Ohio	17	13
Oct. 31	Toledo*	18	16
Nov. 7	Bowling Green	15	31
Nov. 14	Miami of Ohio*	24	23
Nov. 21	Pittsburgh	x	x

KENTUCKY (5-5-1)			
Lexington, Ky. • Wildcats			
Sept. 12	Utah State*	x	x
Sept. 19	Indiana*	x	x
Sept. 26	Rutgers	16	16
Oct. 3	Ohio*	x	x
Oct. 10	Mississippi*	13	33
Oct. 17	Louisiana State	16	25
Oct. 24	Georgia	9	31
Oct. 31	Virginia Tech*	15	17
Nov. 7	Vanderbilt	34	22
Nov. 14	Florida	10	3
Nov. 21	Tennessee*	9	28

LAFAYETTE (6-5-0)			
Easton, Pa. • Leopards			
Sept. 12	Kutztown State*	17	6
Sept. 19	Holy Cross	14	38
Sept. 26	Columbia*	26	21
Oct. 3	Cornell	33	22
Oct. 10	Bucknell*	52	34
Oct. 17	Davidson*	51	14
Oct. 24	New Hampshire	16	20
Oct. 31	Colgate*	7	42
Nov. 7	Pennsylvania*	14	42
Nov. 14	Army	48	56
Nov. 21	Lehigh	28	23

LAMAR (2-9-0)			
Beaumont, Tex. • Cardinals			
Sept. 5	Rice	14	28
Sept. 12	Northern Illinois	x	x
Sept. 19	Texas Tech	x	x
Sept. 26	Stephen F. Austin*	25	38
Oct. 3	Texas A&I	10	35
Oct. 10	Northeast Louisiana*	21	22
Oct. 17	Texas-El Paso	x	x
Oct. 24	Sam Houston State*	13	24
Oct. 31	Southwest Texas State	17	3
Nov. 7	Arkansas State*	7	56
Nov. 21	McNeese State*	7	38

LEHIGH (5-6-0)			
Bethlehem, Pa. • Cardinals			
Sept. 12	Davidson*	x	x
Sept. 19	Navy	0	41
Sept. 26	Holy Cross*	14	17
Oct. 3	William & Mary	34	44
Oct. 10	Colgate	41	39
Oct. 17	Princeton	48	28
Oct. 24	Delaware*	17	28
Oct. 31	Columbia	x	x
Nov. 7	Brown*	x	x
Nov. 14	Bucknell	17	7
Nov. 21	Lafayette*	23	28

LONG BEACH STATE (6-5-0)			
Long Beach, Calif. • 49ers			
Sept. 5	Montana State*	x	x
Sept. 12	Weber State*	x	x
Sept. 19	Fullerton State	30	20
Sept. 26	Michigan	x	x
Oct. 3	Fresno State	12	25
Oct. 10	Pacific	38	21
Oct. 17	New Mexico State*	38	7
Oct. 24	San Diego State	24	27
Nov. 7	Nevada-Las Vegas	8	31
Nov. 14	San Jose State*	14	38
Nov. 21	Utah State*	14	3

LOUISIANA STATE (9-2-0)			
Baton Rouge, La. • Tigers			
Sept. 5	Texas A&M	35	17
Sept. 12	Fullerton State*	x	x
Sept. 19	Rice*	x	x
Sept. 26	Ohio State*	x	x
Oct. 3	Florida*	28	17
Oct. 10	Georgia	23	14
Oct. 17	Kentucky*	25	16
Oct. 24	Mississippi	19	21
Nov. 7	Alabama*	14	10
Nov. 14	Mississippi State*	47	0
Nov. 21	Tulane	37	17

LOUISIANA TECH (6-4-1)			
Ruston, La. • Bulldogs			
Sept. 5	Baylor	7	38
Sept. 12	Northeast Louisiana*	6	20
Sept. 19	Mississippi State	x	x
Sept. 26	Kansas	x	x
Oct. 3	UT-Chattanooga	x	x
Oct. 10	McNeese State*	28	16
Oct. 17	Arkansas State	17	20
Oct. 24	NW (La.) State†	13	13
Oct. 31	Texas A&M	x	x
Nov. 7	SW Missouri State*	x	x
Nov. 14	North Texas State	17	10

LOUISVILLE (3-8-0)			
Louisville, Ky. • Cardinals			
Sept. 5	Tulane*	23	12
Sept. 12	Cincinnati*	17	24
Sept. 19	Purdue	x	x
Sept. 26	Murray State*	x	x
Oct. 3	Southern Mississippi*	16	31
Oct. 10	Marshall*	x	x
Oct. 17	Florida State	18	54
Oct. 24	Akron*	x	x
Oct. 31	Tulsa	x	x
Nov. 7	Tennessee	x	x
Nov. 14	Memphis State	34	8

MAINE (7-4-0)			
Orono, Me. • Black Bears			
Sept. 5	American International*	33	7
Sept. 12	Massachusetts	13	23
Sept. 19	Rhode Island	34	14
Sept. 26	Boston University*	23	26
Oct. 3	Towson State*	x	x
Oct. 10	Northeastern	38	21
Oct. 17	Richmond*	26	11
Oct. 24	Connecticut*	19	35
Oct. 31	Delaware	31	34
Nov. 7	New Hampshire*	14	13
Nov. 14	Delaware State	x	x

MARSHALL (6-4-1)			
Huntington, W. Va. • Thundering Herd			
Sept. 5	Morehead State*	10	19
Sept. 12	Ohio	21	7
Sept. 19	Eastern Kentucky	13	13
Sept. 26	Youngstown State*	x	x
Oct. 3	Furman	10	38
Oct. 10	Louisville	x	x
Oct. 17	East Tennessee State*	34	19
Oct. 24	VMU*	16	9
Oct. 31	UT-Chattanooga	41	20
Nov. 7	Appalachian State	17	27
Nov. 14	Western Carolina*	20	33

MARYLAND (5-5-1)			
College Park, Md. • Terrapins			
Sept. 5	Syracuse	x	x
Sept. 12	Virginia*	42	10
Sept. 19	West Virginia*	24	3
Sept. 26	North Carolina State	16	28
Oct. 3	Duke*	x	x
Oct. 10	Wake Forest	21	27
Oct. 17	Duke*	27	19
Oct. 24	North Carolina*	30	32
Oct. 31	Penn State*	x	x
Nov. 7	Clemson	17	17
Nov. 14	Vanderbilt	35	21

MASSACHUSETTS (8-3-0)			
Amherst, Mass. • Minutemen			
Sept. 12	Maine*	23	13
Sept. 19	Richmond	24	21
Sept. 26	James Madison*	16	14
Oct. 3	Rhode Island*	31	17
Oct. 10	Delaware	13	41
Oct. 17	Connecticut	17	20
Oct. 24	Boston University*	34	25
Oct. 31	Holy Cross*	7	41
Nov. 7	Villanova	x	x
Nov. 14	New Hampshire	38	31
Nov. 21	Northeastern	31	28

MCNEESE STATE (2-9-0)			
Lake Charles, La. • Cowboys			
Sept. 5	Northern Iowa*	38	55
Sept. 12	Northwestern (La.) St.	3	9
Sept. 19	Stephen F. Austin*	x	x
Sept. 26	North Texas State*	13	21
Oct. 3	Arkansas State*	14	23
Oct. 10	Louisiana Tech	16	28
Oct. 17	New Mexico State	x	x
Oct. 24	Northeast Louisiana	17	37
Nov. 7	Southwest Texas State*	9	13
Nov. 14	Nicholls State*	10	34
Nov. 21	Lamar	38	7

MEMPHIS STATE (1-10-0)			
Memphis, Tenn. • Tigers			
Sept. 5	Mississippi*	6	28
Sept. 12	Vanderbilt	22	21
Sept. 19	Florida State	x	x
Oct. 3	Mississippi State	17	34
Oct. 10	Alabama*	0	37
Oct. 17	Tulane*	6	15
Oct. 24	Southern Mississippi*	9	14
Oct. 31	Arkansas State*	10	30
Nov. 7	Southwestern Louisiana	10	26
Nov. 14	Louisville*	x	x
Nov. 21	Tulsa	x	x

MIAMI (11-0-0)			
Coral Gables, Fla. • Hurricanes			
Sept. 5	Florida*	23	15
Sept. 12	South Carolina*	34	14
Sept. 19	Arkansas	x	x
Sept. 26	Florida State	41	23
Oct. 3	Maryland*	x	x
Oct. 10	Cincinnati	45	13

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Oct. 17	Boise State*	0	31
Oct. 24	Weber State*	55	29
Oct. 31	Montana State	59	28
Nov. 7	Idaho State*	38	31
		57	13
Nov. 14	Eastern Washington	42	37
Nov. 21	Fullerton State*	x	x
MONTANA STATE (3-8-0)			
Bozeman, Mont. Bobcats			
Sept. 5	Long Beach State	x	x
Sept. 12	Sam Houston State*	6	23
Sept. 19	Northern Iowa	46	25
Sept. 26	Eastern Washington*	14	27
Oct. 3	Boise State	14	31
Oct. 10	Nevada-Reno	10	61
Oct. 17	Weber State*	3	24
Oct. 24	Northern Arizona	27	19
Oct. 31	Montana*	28	59
Nov. 7	Idaho*	17	44
Nov. 14	Idaho State	50	27
MOREHEAD STATE (7-4-0)			
Morehead, Ky. Eagles			
Sept. 5	Marshall	19	10
Sept. 12	Kentucky State*	33	10
Sept. 19	James Madison	27	24
Oct. 10	Austin Peay State	27	10
Oct. 17	Tennessee Tech*	28	20
Oct. 24	Tennessee State*	x	x
Oct. 31	Murray State	11	45
Nov. 7	Middle Tennessee*	7	24
Nov. 14	Youngstown State	27	24
Nov. 21	Eastern Kentucky	6	23
MORGAN STATE (1-9-0)			
Baltimore, Md. Bears			
Sept. 5	Virginia Union*	10	26
Sept. 12	Bethune-Cookman*	9	52
Sept. 19	Delaware State	12	40
Sept. 26	North Carolina A&T	23	40
Oct. 10	South Carolina State*	0	35
Oct. 17	Towson State	0	21
Oct. 24	Tennessee State	10	52
Oct. 31	District of Columbia*	21	16
Nov. 7	Elizabeth City State	x	x
Nov. 14	Howard*	6	60
MURRAY STATE (7-3-1)			
Murray, Ky. Racers			
Sept. 5	UT-Martin*	x	x
Sept. 12	SE Missouri State*	42	17
Sept. 19	Western Kentucky	10	10
Sept. 26	Louisville	x	x
Oct. 10	Eastern Kentucky	17	15
Oct. 24	Tennessee Tech	23	16
Oct. 31	Morehead State*	45	11
Nov. 7	Youngstown State	17	14
Nov. 14	Middle Tennessee	21	7
Nov. 21	Austin Peay State*	24	14
NAVY (3-8-0)			
Annapolis, Md. Midshipmen			
Sept. 12	William & Mary*	x	x
Sept. 19	Lehigh*	41	0
Sept. 26	North Carolina*	x	x
Oct. 3	Virginia Tech	x	x
Oct. 10	Air Force*	6	40
Oct. 17	Pennsylvania	26	30
Oct. 24	Pittsburgh*	14	56
Oct. 31	Notre Dame	14	33
Nov. 7	Syracuse*	22	31
Nov. 14	Delaware	14	27
Dec. 5	Army†	7	27
†Philadelphia			
NEBRASKA (9-2-0)			
Lincoln, Neb. Cornhuskers			
Sept. 5	Utah State*	x	x
Sept. 12	UCLA*	x	x
Sept. 26	Arizona State	x	x
Oct. 3	South Carolina*	27	24
Oct. 10	Kansas*	70	0
Oct. 17	Oklahoma State	30	10
Oct. 24	Kansas State*	38	0
Oct. 31	Missouri	48	17
Nov. 7	Iowa State*	35	14
Nov. 14	Colorado	10	20
Nov. 21	Oklahoma*	17	20
NEVADA-LAS VEGAS (6-5-0)			
Las Vegas Rebels			
Sept. 12	Southwestern Louisiana	x	x
Sept. 19	Baylor*	x	x
Oct. 3	Nevada-Reno*	x	x
Oct. 10	Utah State*	6	7
Oct. 17	Fullerton State	40	23
Oct. 24	San Jose State	20	23
Oct. 31	Fresno State	7	36
Nov. 7	Long Beach State*	31	8
Nov. 14	New Mexico State	58	42
Nov. 21	Pacific*	15	21
Nov. 28	Northern Illinois*	x	x
NEVADA-RENO (11-0-0)			
Reno, Nev. Wolf Pack			
Sept. 12	Eastern Washington	56	22
Sept. 19	Cal-Davis*	x	x
Sept. 26	Montana	51	17
Oct. 3	Nevada-Las Vegas	x	x
Oct. 10	Montana State*	61	10
Oct. 17	Idaho	17	3
Oct. 24	Stephen F. Austin*	34	27
Oct. 31	Idaho State*	44	14
Nov. 7	Boise State*	21	16
Nov. 14	Weber State*	38	24
Nov. 21	Northern Arizona	27	17

NEW HAMPSHIRE (7-4-0)			
Durham, N.H. Wildcats			
Sept. 5	Richmond*	12	38
Sept. 19	Boston University	26	9
Sept. 26	Dartmouth*	66	12
Oct. 3	Delaware*	28	21
Oct. 17	Northeastern*	24	21
Oct. 24	Lafayette*	20	16
Oct. 31	Rhode Island	28	24
Nov. 7	Maine	13	14
Nov. 14	Massachusetts*	31	38
Nov. 21	Connecticut	42	19
NEW MEXICO (4-8-0)			
Albuquerque Lobos			
Sept. 5	Utah	47	43
Sept. 12	New Mexico State	45	14
Sept. 19	Arizona	x	x
Sept. 26	Brigham Young*	30	31
Oct. 10	Hawaii*	10	27
Oct. 24	Colorado State	27	32
Oct. 31	San Diego State	34	38
Nov. 7	Wyoming*	25	35
Nov. 14	Air Force*	x	x
Nov. 21	Texas-El Paso	24	22
Nov. 28	Arkansas†	x	x
†Little Rock, Ark.			
NEW MEXICO STATE (1-10-0)			
Las Cruces, N.M. Aggies			
Sept. 5	Texas-El Paso	33	47
Sept. 12	New Mexico*	14	45
Sept. 26	Angelo State*	14	20
Oct. 3	Pacific	14	41
Oct. 10	San Jose State	7	45
Oct. 17	Long Beach State	7	38
Oct. 24	McNeese State*	x	x
Oct. 31	Fullerton State	24	21
Nov. 7	Utah State*	9	42
Nov. 14	Nevada-Las Vegas*	42	58
Nov. 21	Fresno State*	14	17
NICHOLLS STATE (9-2-0)			
Thibodaux, La. Colonels			
Sept. 5	St. Cloud State*	x	x
Sept. 12	Troy State*	26	25
Sept. 19	SW Missouri State	31	0
Sept. 26	Northeast Louisiana	17	13
Oct. 3	Alcorn State*	x	x
Oct. 10	Southern (La.)	17	10
Oct. 17	Stephen F. Austin*	14	10
Oct. 24	Southwest Texas State*	35	21
Oct. 31	Akron	x	x
Nov. 7	NW (La.) State*	13	28
Nov. 14	McNeese State	34	10
NORTH CAROLINA (7-3-1)			
Chapel Hill, N.C. Tar Heels			
Sept. 5	Illinois*	x	x
Sept. 12	Oklahoma	x	x
Sept. 19	Georgia Tech	21	20
Sept. 26	Navy*	x	x
Oct. 3	Auburn*	x	x
Oct. 10	Weke Forest*	40	30
Oct. 17	North Carolina State	34	35
Oct. 24	Maryland	32	30
Nov. 7	Clemson*	10	38
Nov. 14	Virginia	27	7
Nov. 21	Duke*	42	35
NORTH CAROLINA A&T (10-1-0)			
Greensboro, N.C. Aggies			
Sept. 12	Winston-Salem State*	28	21
Sept. 19	South Carolina State	34	11
Sept. 26	Morgan State*	40	23
Oct. 3	Norfolk State*	x	x
Oct. 10	Johnson C. Smith*	35	3
Oct. 17	Western Carolina	x	x
Oct. 24	Howard*	10	42
Oct. 31	Bethune-Cookman	30	24
Nov. 7	Delaware State	20	17
Nov. 14	North Carolina Central*	35	12
Nov. 21	Western Kentucky	x	x
NORTH CAROLINA STATE (8-2-1)			
Raleigh, N.C. Wolfpack			
Sept. 5	East Carolina*	38	10
Sept. 12	Pittsburgh	14	14
Sept. 19	Wake Forest	42	38
Sept. 26	Maryland*	28	16
Oct. 3	Georgia Tech*	21	59
Oct. 17	North Carolina*	35	34
Oct. 24	Clemson	27	3
Oct. 31	South Carolina	23	22
Nov. 7	East Tennessee*	x	x
Nov. 14	Duke	29	15
Nov. 21	Virginia*	16	20
NORTHEASTERN (4-6-0)			
Boston Huskies			
Sept. 12	Towson State*	x	x
Sept. 19	Connecticut	20	26
Sept. 26	Harvard	x	x
Oct. 3	Youngstown State	23	21
Oct. 10	Maine*	21	38
Oct. 17	New Hampshire	21	24
Oct. 24	Villanova*	x	x
Oct. 31	Southern Connecticut*	x	x
Nov. 7	Rhode Island	36	9
Nov. 14	James Madison	2	15
Nov. 21	Massachusetts*	28	31
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA (5-6-0)			
Monroe, La. Indians			
Sept. 12	Louisiana Tech	20	6
Sept. 19	Southwest Texas State	17	14

Oct. 26	Nicholls State*	13	17
Oct. 3	Northwestern (La.) St.	14	17
Oct. 10	Lamar	22	21
Oct. 17	Georgia Southern*	x	x
Oct. 24	Southwestern Louisiana*	20	24
Oct. 31	McNeese State*	37	17
Nov. 7	Southern Mississippi	19	28
Nov. 14	North Texas State*	20	28
Nov. 21	Arkansas State*	21	26
NORTHERN ARIZONA (7-4-0)			
Flagstaff, Ariz. Lumberjacks			
Sept. 5	Northern Colorado	x	x
Sept. 19	Montana*	34	28
Sept. 26	Idaho*	24	0
Oct. 3	Sonoma State*	x	x
Oct. 10	Weber State	45	24
Oct. 17	Idaho State	31	17
Oct. 24	Montana State*	19	27
Oct. 31	Eastern Washington	6	28
Nov. 7	Tulsa	x	x
Nov. 14	Boise State	17	14
Nov. 21	Nevada-Reno*	17	27
NORTHERN ILLINOIS (2-9-0)			
De Kalb, Ill. Huskies			
Sept. 12	Lamar*	x	x
Sept. 19	Western Michigan	x	x
Sept. 26	Northwestern	x	x
Oct. 3	Eastern Michigan	21	14
Oct. 10	Toledo*	28	29
Oct. 17	Southwest Missouri*	x	x
Oct. 24	Fullerton State*	x	x
Oct. 31	Ball State	10	20
Nov. 7	Western Illinois*	0	10
Nov. 14	Akron*	x	x
Nov. 28	Nevada-Las Vegas	x	x
NORTHERN IOWA (7-3-1)			
Cedar Falls, Ia. Panthers			
Sept. 5	McNeese State	55	38
Sept. 12	Minnesota	x	x
Sept. 19	Montana State*	25	46
Sept. 26	Indiana State	45	10
Oct. 3	Montana*	x	x
Oct. 10	Iowa State	x	x
Oct. 24	Western Illinois	32	30
Oct. 31	Eastern Illinois*	30	31
Nov. 7	SW Missouri State	45	3
Nov. 14	Southern Illinois*	24	27
Nov. 21	Illinois State*	22	13
NORTH TEXAS STATE (6-4-0)			
Denton, Tex. Mean Green			
Sept. 5	Oklahoma	x	x
Sept. 12	Southwest Texas State*	7	0
Sept. 19	Northwestern (La.) St.	24	3
Sept. 26	McNeese State	21	13
Oct. 10	Sam Houston State*	x	x
Oct. 17	Texas Christian	24	20
Oct. 24	Stephen F. Austin	x	x
Nov. 7	Arkansas State	21	43
Nov. 14	North Texas Louisiana	28	20
Nov. 21	Louisiana Tech*	10	17
NORTHWESTERN (4-7-0)			
Evanston, Ill. Wildcats			
Sept. 12	Duke	6	17
Sept. 19	Missouri	x	x
Sept. 26	Northern Illinois*	x	x
Oct. 3	Indiana	7	24
Oct. 10	Minnesota*	23	44
Oct. 17	Michigan State*	24	21
Oct. 24	Wisconsin	27	35
Oct. 31	Michigan	20	27
Nov. 7	Iowa*	20	27
Nov. 14	Purdue	16	17
Nov. 21	Illinois*	23	18
NORTHWESTERN (LA.) STATE (5-5-1)			
Natchitoches, La. Demons			
Sept. 5	Arkansas State	0	21
Sept. 12	McNeese State*	9	3
Sept. 19	North Texas State*	3	24
Oct. 3	Northeast Louisiana*	17	14
Oct. 10	Southwestern Louisiana	x	x
Oct. 17	Southwest Texas State	6	29
Oct. 24	Louisiana Tech	13	13
Oct. 31	Sam Houston State	21	23
Nov. 7	Nicholls State	28	13
Nov. 14	Jackson State*	x	x
Nov. 21	Stephen F. Austin*	14	28
NOTRE DAME (5-6-0)			
South Bend, Ind. Fighting Irish			
Sept. 12	Michigan	23	24
Sept. 19	Michigan State*	15	20
Sept. 26	Purdue	41	9
Oct. 10	Pittsburgh	9	10
Oct. 17	Air Force	31	3
Oct. 24	Southern California*	38	37
Oct. 31	Navy*	33	14
Nov. 7	Boston College*	x	x
Nov. 14	Alabama*	10	28
Nov. 21	Penn State	19	24
Nov. 28	Miami (Fla.)	x	x
OHIO (11-10-0)			
Athens, O. Bobcats			
Sept. 5	West Virginia	x	x
Sept. 12	Marshall*	7	21
Sept. 19	Toledo	21	24
Oct. 3	Kentucky	x	x
Oct. 10	Bowling Green*	16	21
Oct. 17	Miami of Ohio	14	34
Oct. 24	Kent State*	13	17
Oct. 31	Eastern Michigan	31	37

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PITTSBURGH	(5-5-1)
Pittsburgh	Panthers
Sept. 5 Brigham Young	x x
Sept. 12 North Carolina State*	14 14
Sept. 19 Temple*	13 19
Sept. 26 West Virginia	48 16
Oct. 3 Boston College*	x x
Oct. 10 Notre Dame*	10 9
Oct. 24 Navy	56 14
Oct. 31 Syracuse*	20 24
Nov. 7 Rutgers	20 6
Nov. 14 Penn State*	14 34
Nov. 21 Kent State*	x x

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	(3-8-0)
Prairie View, Tex.	Panthers
Aug. 29 Texas Southern	35 38
Sept. 12 Stephen F. Austin	14 46
Sept. 19 Jackson State†	24 32
Sept. 26 Southern (La.)†	14 21
Oct. 3 Grambling State†	24 19
Oct. 10 Arkansas-Pine Bluff	x x
Oct. 17 Texas Lutheran	28 18
Oct. 24 Alabama State§	14 20
Oct. 31 Mississippi Valley*	21 28
Nov. 14 Alcorn State	20 35
Nov. 21 Langston	x x
†Milwaukee	
‡Dallas	
§Mobile, Ala.	

PRINCETON	(2-8-0)
Princeton, N.J.	Tigers
Sept. 19 Dartmouth	6 28
Sept. 26 Davidson	x x
Oct. 3 Brown	10 24
Oct. 10 Columbia*	20 14
Oct. 17 Lehigh*	28 48
Oct. 24 Harvard	14 3
Oct. 31 Pennsylvania	10 23
Nov. 7 Colgate*	x x
Nov. 14 Yale*	13 14
Nov. 21 Cornell*	8 39

PURDUE	(3-8-0)
West Lafayette, Ind.	Boilermakers
Sept. 12 Washington	x x
Sept. 19 Louisville*	x x
Sept. 26 Notre Dame*	9 41
Oct. 3 Minnesota	9 36
Oct. 10 Illinois*	27 34
Oct. 17 Ohio State*	11 39
Oct. 24 Iowa	14 42
Oct. 31 Wisconsin*	x x
Nov. 7 Michigan State	3 37
Nov. 14 Northwestern*	17 16
Nov. 21 Indiana	17 15

RHODE ISLAND	(1-10-0)
Kingston, R.I.	Rams
Sept. 5 James Madison	x x
Sept. 12 Delaware*	10 44
Sept. 19 Maine*	14 34
Sept. 26 Brown	7 27
Oct. 3 Massachusetts	17 31
Oct. 17 Boston University	0 17
Oct. 24 Richmond	14 28
Oct. 31 New Hampshire*	24 28
Nov. 7 Northeastern*	9 36
Nov. 14 Connecticut*	14 21
Nov. 21 Towson State	14 35

RICE	(4-7-0)
Houston	Owls
Sept. 5 Lamar*	28 14
Sept. 12 Indiana	x x
Sept. 19 Louisiana State	x x
Sept. 26 Southwest Texas State*	6 31
Oct. 3 Texas	14 17
Oct. 10 Texas Christian*	37 31
Oct. 17 Texas Tech	21 49
Oct. 24 Texas A&M*	10 45
Oct. 31 Arkansas*	14 45
Nov. 14 Baylor	17 23
Nov. 28 Houston*	14 13

RICHMOND	(4-7-0)
Richmond, Va.	Spiders
Sept. 5 New Hampshire	38 12
Sept. 12 Wake Forest	x x
Sept. 19 Massachusetts*	21 24
Sept. 26 Delaware	19 20
Oct. 3 Connecticut*	22 29
Oct. 10 James Madison	x x
Oct. 17 Maine	11 26
Oct. 24 Rhode Island*	28 14
Oct. 31 Boston University	56 15
Nov. 14 Villanova*	x x
Nov. 21 William & Mary	14 21

RUTGERS	(5-5-1)
New Brunswick, N.J.	Scarlet Knights
Sept. 5 Cincinnati	48 28
Sept. 12 Syracuse*	16 10
Sept. 26 Kentucky†	16 16
Oct. 3 Duke†	x x
Oct. 10 Penn State	6 31
Oct. 17 Boston College*	11 9
Oct. 24 Army	35 7
Oct. 31 Vanderbilt	x x
Nov. 7 Pittsburgh†	6 20
Nov. 14 West Virginia	17 24
Nov. 21 Temple	22 29
†East Rutherford, N.J.	

SAM HOUSTON STATE	(9-2-0)
Huntsville, Texas	Bearkats
Sept. 5 Angelo State	38 21
Sept. 12 Montana State	23 6
Sept. 19 Texas A&M*	x x
Sept. 26 Houston	x x
Oct. 3 Texas Southern*	38 28
Oct. 10 North Texas State	x x
Oct. 24 Lamar	24 13
Oct. 31 Northwestern (La.) St.*	23 31
Nov. 7 Stephen F. Austin	30 26
Nov. 14 Western Illinois*	16 13
Nov. 21 Southwest Texas State	32 31

SAN DIEGO STATE	(8-3-0)
San Diego	Aztecs
Sept. 5 UCLA	14 45
Sept. 12 Utah*	37 30
Sept. 19 Air Force	10 22
Sept. 26 Oregon	x x
Oct. 3 Wyoming	31 24
Oct. 10 Texas-El Paso*	15 10
Oct. 17 Stanford*	10 17
Oct. 24 Long Beach State*	27 24
Oct. 31 New Mexico*	38 34
Nov. 7 Brigham Young	10 3
Nov. 14 Hawaii	35 5
Nov. 21 Colorado State*	27 26

SAN JOSE STATE	(9-2-0)
San Jose, Calif.	Spartans
Sept. 5 Eastern Illinois*	x x
Sept. 12 California	35 14
Sept. 19 Oregon State	x x
Sept. 26 Stanford	10 28
Oct. 3 Fullerton State*	48 24
Oct. 10 New Mexico State*	45 7
Oct. 17 Fresno State	45 41
Oct. 24 Nevada-Las Vegas*	23 20
Oct. 31 Utah State	38 28
Nov. 7 Pacific*	44 15
Nov. 14 Long Beach State	38 14

SOUTH CAROLINA	(3-6-2)
Columbia, S.C.	Fighting Gamecocks
Sept. 5 Appalachian State*	x x
Sept. 12 Western Carolina*	45 24
Sept. 19 Miami (Fla.)	14 34
Sept. 26 Georgia	26 31
Oct. 3 Nebraska	24 27
Oct. 10 Virginia Tech*	27 27
Oct. 17 Virginia*	20 30
Oct. 24 East Carolina*	38 3
Oct. 31 North Carolina State	22 23
Nov. 14 Wake Forest	48 21
Nov. 21 Clemson*	21 21

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	(5-6-0)
Orangeburg, S.C.	Bulldogs
Sept. 5 Furman*	7 34
Sept. 12 North Carolina A&T*	11 34
Sept. 26 Howard	44 23
Oct. 3 Elizabeth City State	31 6
Oct. 10 Morgan State	35 0
Oct. 17 Bethune-Cookman*	28 14
Oct. 24 Florida A&M*	3 26
Oct. 31 Delaware State*	21 34
Nov. 7 Virginia Union	x x
Nov. 14 Grambling State	16 20
Nov. 21 Georgia Southern*	7 28

SOUTHERN	(5-5-1)
Baton Rouge, La.	Jaguars
Sept. 12 Alabama State†	27 9
Sept. 19 Texas Southern*	43 29
Sept. 26 Prairie View A&M†	21 14
Oct. 3 Mississippi Valley	28 7
Oct. 10 Nicholls State*	10 17
Oct. 17 Jackson State*	9 16
Oct. 24 Alcorn State*	13 14
Oct. 31 Tennessee State*	17 17
Nov. 7 Florida A&M	30 14
Nov. 21 SW Missouri State*	x x
Nov. 28 Grambling State§	3 30
†Mobile, Ala.	
‡Dallas	
§New Orleans	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	(7-4-0)
Los Angeles	Trojans
Sept. 7 Michigan State	x x
Sept. 19 Boston College*	x x
Sept. 26 California	28 3
Oct. 3 Oregon State*	x x
Oct. 10 Oregon	35 21
Oct. 17 Washington	20 10
Oct. 24 Notre Dame	37 38
Oct. 31 Washington State*	14 34
Nov. 7 Stanford*	10 0
Nov. 14 Arizona*	20 13
Nov. 21 UCLA*	25 45

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	(7-4-0)
Carbondale, Ill.	Salukis
Sept. 5 Delta State*	x x
Sept. 12 SW Missouri State*	35 14
Sept. 19 Austin Peay State*	24 17
Sept. 26 Illinois State*	20 3
Oct. 3 Kansas	23 35
Oct. 10 Fresno State	x x
Oct. 17 Western Illinois*	21 24
Oct. 24 Arkansas State*	7 22
Oct. 31 Indiana State	16 14
Nov. 7 Eastern Illinois	7 52
Nov. 14 Northern Iowa	27 24

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	(6-5-0)
Hattiesburg, Miss.	Golden Eagles
Sept. 5 Alabama†	17 31
Sept. 19 Tulane*	20 35
Sept. 26 Texas A&M†	7 16
Oct. 3 Louisville	31 16
Oct. 10 Florida State*	13 49
Oct. 17 Mississippi State	28 24
Oct. 24 Memphis State†	14 9
Oct. 31 Jackson State*	x x
Nov. 7 Northeast Louisiana*	28 19
Nov. 14 East Carolina*	23 21
Nov. 28 Southwestern Louisiana	17 0
†Birmingham, Ala.	
‡Jackson, Miss.	

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	(6-5-0)
Lafayette, La.	Ragin' Cajuns
Sept. 5 Mississippi State	x x
Sept. 12 Nevada-Las Vegas*	x x
Sept. 26 Oklahoma State	20 21
Oct. 3 Alabama†	x x
Oct. 10 Northwestern (La.) St.*	x x
Oct. 17 Mississippi	20 21
Oct. 24 Northeast Louisiana	x x
Nov. 7 Memphis State*	26 10
Nov. 14 Tulane	39 42
Nov. 21 Colorado State*	x x
Nov. 28 Southern Mississippi†	0 17
†Birmingham, Ala.	

SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI STATE	(3-7-0)
Springfield, Mo.	Bears
Sept. 5 Central State (Okla.)*	x x
Sept. 12 Southern Illinois	14 35
Sept. 19 Nicholls State*	0 31
Sept. 26 Western Illinois	10 27
Oct. 3 Indiana State*	10 14
Oct. 17 Northern Illinois	x x
Oct. 24 Eastern Illinois	20 34
Oct. 31 Illinois State*	17 16
Nov. 7 Northern Iowa*	3 45
Nov. 14 Louisiana Tech	x x
Nov. 21 Southern University	x x

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	(4-7-0)
San Marcos, Texas	Bobcats
Sept. 5 Texas A&M*	x x
Sept. 12 North Texas State	0 7
Sept. 19 Northeast Louisiana*	14 17
Sept. 26 Rice	31 6
Oct. 10 Baylor	x x
Oct. 17 Northwestern (La.) St.*	29 6
Oct. 24 Nicholls State	21 35
Oct. 31 Lamar*	3 17
Nov. 7 McNeese State	13 9
Nov. 14 Stephen F. Austin	34 28
Nov. 21 Sam Houston State*	31 32

STANFORD	(8-3-0)
Stanford, Calif.	Cardinal
Sept. 5 Washington	x x
Sept. 12 Liberty Baptist*	x x
Sept. 19 Colorado	x x
Sept. 26 San Jose State*	28 10
Oct. 3 UCLA*	28 23
Oct. 10 Washington State	42 12
Oct. 17 San Diego State	17 10
Oct. 24 Oregon*	41 7
Oct. 31 Arizona*	29 24
Nov. 7 Southern California	0 10
Nov. 14 Oregon State	17 7
Nov. 21 California*	11 17

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE	(5-6-0)
Nacogdoches, Texas	Lumberjacks
Sept. 5 West Texas State	36 31
Sept. 12 Prairie View A&M*	46 14
Sept. 19 McNeese State	x x
Sept. 26 Lamar	38 25
Oct. 3 Eastern Washington*	x x
Oct. 17 Nicholls State	10 14
Oct. 24 Nevada-Reno	27 34
Oct. 31 North Texas State*	x x
Nov. 7 Sam Houston State*	26 30
Nov. 14 Southwest Texas State*	28 34
Nov. 21 Northwestern (La.) St.	28 14

SYRACUSE	(5-6-0)
Syracuse, N.Y.	Orangemen
Sept. 5 Maryland*	x x
Sept. 12 Rutgers	10 16
Sept. 19 Miami of Ohio*	x x
Sept. 26 Virginia Tech	17 26
Oct. 3 Missouri	41 9
Oct. 17 Penn State*	3 42
Oct. 24 Colgate*	x x
Oct. 31 Pittsburgh	24 20
Nov. 7 Navy	31 22
Nov. 14 Boston College*	9 27
Nov. 21 West Virginia*	34 23

TEMPLE	(6-5-0)
Philadelphia	Owls
Sept. 5 Toledo	x x
Sept. 12 Boston College	29 38
Sept. 19 Pittsburgh	19 13
Sept. 24 Akron*	x x
Oct. 3 Penn State	15 45
Oct. 10 Tulsa*	x x
Oct. 17 Florida	x x
Oct. 31 Army	x x
Nov. 7 East Carolina	45 28
Nov. 14 Houston*	x x
Nov. 21 Rutgers*	29 22

TENNESSEE	(6-5-0)
Knoxville	Volunteers
Aug. 31 Iowa†	x x
Sept. 5 Colorado State*	x x
Sept. 12 Mississippi State	23 27
Sept. 26 Auburn*	8 34
Oct. 3 California*	x x
Oct. 17 Alabama†	28 56
Oct. 24 Georgia Tech*	13 14
Oct. 31 Boston College	x x
Nov. 7 Louisville*	x x
Nov. 14 Mississippi*	22 10
Nov. 21 Kentucky	28 9
Nov. 28 Vanderbilt*	35 20
†East Rutherford, N.J.	
‡Birmingham, Ala.	

UT-CHATTANOOGA	(4-7-0)
Chattanooga	Moccasins
Sept. 12 Eastern Kentucky*	3 23
Sept. 19 East Tennessee State	17 18
Sept. 26 Furman	10 21
Oct. 3 Louisiana Tech*	x x
Oct. 10 Western Kentucky*	21 17
Oct. 17 The Citadel*	42 7
Oct. 24 Appalachian State	15 20
Oct. 31 Marshall*	20 41
Nov. 7 Western Carolina	34 7
Nov. 14 Tennessee Tech*	33 3
Nov. 21 VMI	x x

TENNESSEE STATE	(9-1-1)
Nashville, Tenn.	Tigers
Sept. 5 Middle Tennessee*	7 6
Sept. 12 Jackson State	20 10
Sept. 26 Florida A&M	34 12
Oct. 3 Central State (O.)	x x
Oct. 10 Grambling State*	21 10
Oct. 17 Morris Brown	27 0
Oct. 24 Morgan State*	52 10
Oct. 31 Southern (La.)	17 17
Nov. 7 Bethune-Cookman*	13 10
Nov. 14 Texas Southern*	x x
Nov. 21 Alabama A&M	6 7

TENNESSEE TECH	(0-10-0)
Cookeville, Tenn.	Golden Eagles
Sept. 12 Liberty Baptist*	x x
Sept. 19 Abilene Christian	x x
Sept. 26 Austin Peay State	13 23
Oct. 3 Arkansas-Pine Bluff	x x
Oct. 10 Youngstown State*	6 30
Oct. 17 Morehead State	20 28
Oct. 24 Murray State*	16 23
Oct. 31 Cincinnati	x x
Nov. 7 Eastern Kentucky*	14 42
Nov. 14 UT-Chattanooga	3 33
Nov. 21 Middle Tennessee*	6 21

TEXAS	(5-6-0)
Austin, Tex.	Longhorns
Sept. 5 Auburn	x x
Sept. 12 Brigham Young*	x x
Sept. 26 Oregon State*	x x
Oct. 3 Rice*	17 14
Oct. 10 Oklahoma†	12 47
Oct. 17 Arkansas†	14 21
Oct. 31 Texas Tech*	21 23
Nov. 7 Houston	30 10
Nov. 14 Texas Christian*	45 16
Nov. 21 Baylor*	13 18
Nov. 26 Texas A&M	3 16
†Dallas	
‡Little Rock, Ark.	

TEXAS A&M	(9-2-0)
College Station, Tex.	Aggies
Sept. 5 Louisiana State*	17 35
Sept. 19 Washington*	x x
Sept. 26 Southern Mississippi†	16 7
Oct. 3 Texas Tech	45 8
Oct. 10 Houston*	19 7
Oct. 17 Baylor	31 30
Oct. 24 Rice	45 10
Oct. 31 Louisiana Tech*	x x
Nov. 14 Arkansas*	10 14
Nov. 21 Texas Christian	74 10
Nov. 26 Texas*	16 3
†Jackson, Miss.	

TEXAS CHRISTIAN	(3-8-0)
Fort Worth	Horned Frogs
Sept. 5 Boston College	x x
Sept. 12 Air Force	x x
Sept. 19 Brigham Young*	x x
Oct. 3 Arkansas*	17 34
Oct. 10 Rice	31 37
Oct. 17 North Texas State*	20 24
Oct. 24 Baylor	17 28
Oct. 31 Houston*	30 14
Nov. 7 Texas Tech	14 36
Nov. 14 Texas	16 45
Nov. 21 Texas A&M*	10 74

TEXAS-EL PASO		(4-8-0)
El Paso		Miners
Sept. 5	New Mexico State*	47 33
Sept. 19	Colorado State	21 19
Sept. 26	Hawaii*	21 31
Oct. 3	Arizona State	x x
Oct. 10	San Diego State	10 15
Oct. 17	Lamar*	x x
Oct. 24	Wyoming*	12 4
Oct. 31	Air Force	21 2
Nov. 7	Utah	55 4
Nov. 14	Brigham Young*	13 3
Nov. 21	New Mexico*	22 2

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TEXAS SOUTHERN (2-8-1)	
Houston	Tigers
Aug. 29	Prairie View A&M 38 35
Sept. 5	Arkansas-Pine Bluff* x x
Sept. 12	Angelo State* 27 31
Sept. 19	Southern (La.) 29 43
Sept. 26	Alabama State* 31 35
Oct. 3	Sam Houston State 28 38
Oct. 10	Alcorn State* 33 35
Oct. 24	Mississippi Valley 34 34
Oct. 31	Grambling State 21 49
Nov. 7	Jackson State* 7 37
Nov. 14	Tennessee State x x

TEXAS TECH (7-4-0)	
Lubbock, Tex.	Red Raiders
Sept. 5	Florida State x x
Sept. 12	Colorado State* x x
Sept. 19	Lamar* x x
Sept. 26	Baylor 14 45
Oct. 3	Texas A&M* 8 45
Oct. 10	Arkansas* 17 7
Oct. 17	Rice* 49 21
Oct. 24	Tulsa* x x
Oct. 31	Texas 23 21
Nov. 7	Texas Christian 36 14
Nov. 21	Houston 34 7

TOLEDO (7-4-0)	
Toledo, O.	Rockets
Sept. 5	Temple* x x
Sept. 12	Ball State* 10 27
Sept. 19	Ohio* 24 21
Oct. 3	Western Michigan 28 7
Oct. 10	Northern Illinois 29 28
Oct. 17	Bowling Green 22 3
Oct. 24	Miami of Ohio* 8 24
Oct. 31	Kent State 16 18
Nov. 7	Eastern Michigan* 23 18
Nov. 14	Central Michigan 26 14
Nov. 21	Miami (Fla.) x x

TULANE (4-7-0)	
New Orleans	Green Wave
Sept. 5	Louisville 12 23
Sept. 12	Iowa State* x x
Sept. 19	Southern Mississippi 35 20
Sept. 26	Mississippi* 10 35
Oct. 3	Vanderbilt* 35 17
Oct. 17	Memphis State 15 6
Oct. 24	Virginia Tech* x x
Oct. 31	Florida State 21 54
Nov. 7	Mississippi State 27 34
Nov. 14	Southwestern Louisiana* 42 39
Nov. 21	Louisiana State* 17 37

TULSA (7-4-0)	
Tulsa	Golden Hurricane
Sept. 5	Oklahoma State 27 23
Sept. 12	Florida x x
Sept. 19	Arkansas 17 34
Sept. 26	Oklahoma* x x
Oct. 3	Kansas State x x
Oct. 10	Temple x x
Oct. 17	Central Michigan 42 6
Oct. 24	Texas Tech x x
Oct. 31	Louisville x x
Nov. 7	Northern Arizona* x x
Nov. 21	Memphis State* x x

UCLA (7-3-1)	
Los Angeles	Bruins
Sept. 5	San Diego State* 45 14
Sept. 12	Nebraska x x
Sept. 19	Fresno State* x x
Sept. 26	Arizona* 32 25
Oct. 3	Stanford 23 28
Oct. 17	Oregon* x x
Oct. 24	California* 36 10
Oct. 31	Arizona State 9 16
Nov. 7	Oregon State 49 0
Nov. 14	Washington* 17 17
Nov. 21	Southern California 45 25

UTAH (2-9-0)	
Salt Lake City	Utes
Sept. 5	New Mexico* 43 47
Sept. 12	San Diego State 30 37
Sept. 19	Wisconsin x x
Sept. 26	Idaho State* x x
Oct. 2	Utah State* 27 10
Oct. 10	Colorado State 38 28
Oct. 17	Hawaii 13 33
Oct. 24	Air Force 35 45
Oct. 31	Boise State x x
Nov. 7	Texas-El Paso* 44 55
Nov. 14	Wyoming* 14 38
Nov. 21	Brigham Young 21 35

UTAH STATE (3-8-0)	
Logan, Utah	Aggies
Sept. 5	Nebraska x x
Sept. 12	Kentucky x x
Sept. 26	Fullerton State* 0 33
Oct. 2	Brigham Young 0 52
Oct. 10	Nevada-Las Vegas 7 6
Oct. 17	Pacific* 14 10
Oct. 24	Utah 10 27
Oct. 31	San Jose State* 28 38
Nov. 7	New Mexico State 42 9
Nov. 14	Fresno State* 7 14
Nov. 21	Long Beach State 3 14

VANDERBILT (1-10-0)	
Nashville, Tenn.	Commodores
Sept. 12	Memphis State* 21 22
Sept. 19	Duke 24 18
Sept. 26	Alabama* 10 42
Oct. 3	Tulane 17 35

Oct. 10	Auburn 9 31
Oct. 17	Georgia* 16 38
Oct. 24	Mississippi 12 28
Oct. 31	Rutgers* x x
Nov. 7	Kentucky* 22 34
Nov. 21	Maryland* 21 35
Nov. 28	Tennessee* 20 35

VILLANOVA (8-1-0)	
Villanova, Pa.	Wildcats
Sept. 19	Liberty Baptist x x
Sept. 26	Mercyhurst* 42 35
Oct. 3	Boston University* x x
Oct. 10	Central Connecticut 28 0
Oct. 17	Catholic University* 20 7
Oct. 24	Northeastern x x
Oct. 31	Connecticut x x
Nov. 7	Massachusetts* x x
Nov. 14	Richmond x x
Nov. 21	Holy Cross* x x

VIRGINIA (3-8-0)	
Charlottesville, Va.	Cavaliers
Sept. 5	Georgia x x
Sept. 12	Maryland 10 42
Sept. 19	Virginia Tech 10 42
Sept. 26	Duke* 13 20
Oct. 3	VMI* x x
Oct. 10	Clemson 17 31
Oct. 17	South Carolina 30 20
Oct. 24	Wake Forest* 30 28
Nov. 7	Georgia Tech 14 28
Nov. 14	North Carolina* 7 27
Nov. 21	North Carolina State 20 16

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE (1-10-0)	
Lexington, Va.	Keydets
Sept. 12	West Virginia Tech* x x
Sept. 19	Appalachian State 6 19
Sept. 26	Wofford* x x
Oct. 3	Virginia x x
Oct. 10	The Citadel 47 30
Oct. 17	James Madison* 7 39
Oct. 24	Marshall 9 16
Oct. 31	William & Mary† 22 37
Nov. 7	Furman 3 34
Nov. 14	East Tennessee State* 20 31
Nov. 21	UT-Chattanooga* x x
†Norfolk, Va.	

VIRGINIA TECH (8-2-1)	
Blacksburg, Va.	Hokies
Sept. 12	Clemson* 20 14
Sept. 19	Virginia 42 10
Sept. 26	Syracuse* 26 17
Oct. 3	Navy* x x
Oct. 10	South Carolina 27 27
Oct. 17	East Carolina* x x
Oct. 24	Tulane x x
Oct. 31	Kentucky 17 15
Nov. 7	West Virginia 13 7
Nov. 14	Miami (Fla.) x x
Nov. 21	Cincinnati* 20 24

WAKE FOREST (5-6-0)	
Winston-Salem, N.C.	Demon Deacons
Sept. 12	Richmond* x x
Sept. 19	North Carolina State* 38 42
Sept. 26	Appalachian* x x
Oct. 3	Army 49 14
Oct. 10	North Carolina 30 40
Oct. 17	Maryland* 27 21
Oct. 24	Virginia 28 30
Oct. 31	Clemson 20 28
Nov. 7	Duke* 36 38
Nov. 14	South Carolina* 21 48
Nov. 21	Georgia Tech 24 21

WASHINGTON (8-2-0)	
Seattle	Huskies
Sept. 5	Stanford* 24 14
Sept. 12	Purdue* x x
Sept. 19	Texas A&M x x
Sept. 26	Pacific* x x
Oct. 3	Oregon 38 3
Oct. 10	Arizona State* 21 34
Oct. 17	Southern California* 10 20
Oct. 31	Oregon State* 28 12

Nov. 7	Arizona x x
Nov. 14	UCLA 17 17
Nov. 21	Washington State* 44 23

WASHINGTON STATE (3-7-1)	
Pullman, Wash.	Cougars
Sept. 5	Fresno State* x x
Sept. 12	Wyoming* x x
Sept. 19	Michigan x x
Sept. 26	Colorado x x
Oct. 10	Stanford* 12 42
Oct. 17	Arizona State 21 21
Oct. 24	Arizona* 6 31
Oct. 31	Southern California 34 14
Nov. 14	Oregon* 17 27
Nov. 21	Washington 23 44
Nov. 28	California† 21 31
†Tokyo, Japan	

WEBER STATE (3-8-0)	
Ogden, Utah	Wildcats
Sept. 5	Western State* x x
Sept. 12	Long Beach State x x
Sept. 19	Southern Utah State* x x
Sept. 26	Boise State* 13 23
Oct. 10	Northern Arizona* 24 45
Oct. 17	Montana State 24 3
Oct. 24	Montana 29 55
Oct. 31	Idaho* 17 31
Nov. 7	Eastern Washington* 31 41
Nov. 14	Nevada-Reno 24 38
Nov. 21	Idaho State 63 33

WESTERN CAROLINA (6-5-0)	
Cullowhee, N.C.	Catamounts
Sept. 5	Clemson x x
Sept. 12	South Carolina 24 45
Sept. 19	Furman* 19 13
Sept. 26	East Tennessee State 43 16
Oct. 10	Mars Hill* x x
Oct. 17	North Carolina A&T* x x
Oct. 24	Georgia Southern* x x
Oct. 31	The Citadel 27 12
Nov. 7	UT-Chattanooga* 7 34
Nov. 14	Marshall 33 20
Nov. 21	Appalachian State* 13 17

WESTERN ILLINOIS (6-5-0)	
Macomb, Ill.	Leathernecks
Sept. 5	Arkansas State* x x
Sept. 12	Fresno State x x
Sept. 19	Indiana State* x x
Sept. 26	SW Missouri State* 27 10
Oct. 3	Illinois State 7 17
Oct. 10	Eastern Illinois 3 37
Oct. 17	Southern Illinois 24 21
Oct. 24	Northern Iowa* 30 32
Oct. 31	Liberty Baptist* x x
Nov. 7	Northern Illinois 10 0
Nov. 14	Sam Houston State 13 16

WESTERN KENTUCKY (4-6-1)	
Bowling Green, Ky.	Hilltoppers
Sept. 5	Gardner-Webb* 35 13
Sept. 19	Murray State* 10 10
Sept. 26	Middle Tennessee* x x
Oct. 3	Eastern Kentucky 24 10
Oct. 10	UT-Chattanooga 17 21
Oct. 17	Livingston (Ala.)* 21 23
Oct. 24	Austin Peay State 34 20
Oct. 31	Georgia Southern 32 49
Nov. 14	Eastern Illinois* 18 35
Nov. 21	North Carolina A&T x x

WESTERN MICHIGAN (3-8-0)	
Kalamazoo, Mich.	Broncos
Sept. 5	Akron* x x
Sept. 12	Illinois State x x
Sept. 19	Northern Illinois* x x
Sept. 26	Bowling Green 3 17
Oct. 3	Toledo* 7 28
Oct. 10	Miami of Ohio* 27 17
Oct. 17	Kent State 27 7
Oct. 24	Eastern Michigan* 14 21
Oct. 31	Central Michigan 10 18
Nov. 7	Ball State* 10 24
Nov. 21	Ohio 45 17

WEST VIRGINIA (4-7-0)	
Morgantown, W. Va.	Mountaineers
Sept. 5	Ohio* x x
Sept. 12	Ohio State x x
Sept. 19	Maryland 3 24
Sept. 26	Pittsburgh* 16 48
Oct. 3	East Carolina* 24 21
Oct. 17	Cincinnati* x x
Oct. 24	Boston College 10 19
Oct. 31	Penn State 0 19
Nov. 7	Virginia Tech* 7 13
Nov. 14	Rutgers* 24 17
Nov. 21	Syracuse 23 34

WILLIAM & MARY (9-2-0)	
Williamsburg, Va.	Indians
Sept. 5	East Tennessee State x x
Sept. 12	Navy x x
Sept. 19	Colgate 42 21
Oct. 3	Lehigh* 44 34
Oct. 10	Yale x x
Oct. 17	Delaware* 24 18
Oct. 24	James Madison* 33 42
Oct. 31	VMI 37 22
Nov. 7	Bucknell* 30 13
Nov. 14	Holy Cross 7 31
Nov. 21	Richmond* 21 14

WISCONSIN (3-9-0)	
Madison, Wis.	Badgers
Sept. 12	Hawaii* 17 20
Sept. 19	Utah* x x
Sept. 26	Ball State* x x
Oct. 3	Michigan 17 34
Oct. 10	Iowa* 6 17
Oct. 17	Illinois 15 9
Oct. 24	Northwestern* 35 27
Oct. 31	Purdue x x
Nov. 7	Ohio State* 17 30
Nov. 14	Minnesota 20 27
Nov. 21	Michigan State* 13 23

WYOMING (6-6-0)	
Laramie, Wyo.	Cowboys
Sept. 5	Air Force* 23 17
Sept. 12	Washington State x x
Sept. 19	Oklahoma State* x x
Sept. 26	Iowa State* 10 21
Oct. 3	San Diego State* 24 31
Oct. 10	Brigham Young 22 34
Oct. 17	Houston* x x
Oct. 24	Texas-El Paso 41 12
Oct. 31	Colorado State* 15 20
Nov. 7	New Mexico 35 25
Nov. 14	Utah 38 14
Nov. 28	Hawaii 19 35

YALE (3-7-0)	
New Haven, Conn.	Elis
Sept. 19	Brown* 7 21
Sept. 26	Connecticut* 12 17
Oct. 3	Hawaii x x
Oct. 10	William & Mary* x x
Oct. 17	Columbia 47 0
Oct. 24	Pennsylvania* 6 24
Oct. 31	Dartmouth 13 39
Nov. 7	Cornell* 0 15
Nov. 14	Princeton 14 13
Nov. 21	Harvard* 17 14

YOUNGSTOWN STATE (2-9-0)	
Youngstown, O.	Penguins
Sept. 5	Eastern Michigan 17 18
Sept. 12	Bowling Green x x
Sept. 26	Marshall x x
Oct. 3	Northeastern* 21 23
Oct. 10	Tennessee Tech 30 6
Oct. 17	Austin Peay State* 10 13
Oct. 24	Eastern Kentucky* 17 38
Oct. 31	Middle Tennessee 14 49
Nov. 7	Murray State* 14 17
Nov. 14	Morehead State* 24 27
Nov. 21	Akron 40 39

1987 COLLEGE BOWL GAMES (All times EST)

Bowl	Site	Date	Time
California	Fresno, Calif.	December 12	4 p.m.
Independence	Shreveport, La.	December 19	8 p.m.
Sun	El Paso, Tex.	December 25	2:30 p.m.
Aloha	Honolulu, Haw.	December 25	3:45 p.m.
Hall of Fame	Tampa, Fla.	December 29	8 p.m.
Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	December 29	8 p.m.
Freedom	Anaheim, Calif.	December 30	8 p.m.
Holiday	San Diego, Calif.	December 30	8 p.m.
Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	December 31	2:30 p.m.
All-American	Birmingham, Ala.	December 31	8 p.m.
Bluebonnet	Houston, Tex.	December 31	9 p.m.
Florida Citrus	Orlando, Fla.	January 1	12:00 p.m.
Cotton	Dallas, Tex.	January 1	1:30 p.m.
Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	January 1	5 p.m.
Sugar	New Orleans, La.	January 1	8 p.m.
Orange	Miami, Fla.	January 1	8 p.m.
Fiesta	Tempe, Ariz.	January 1 or 2	TBA
Peach	Atlanta, Ga.	January 2	2 p.m.

Top Statistical Returnees

(Statistics Include Only Returning Players)

DIVISION 1-A TOTAL OFFENSE

	G.	Tot. Plays	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG.
Mike Perez, San Jose State.....	9	425	2969	7.0	329.9
Todd Ellis, South Carolina.....	11	436	2975	6.8	270.5
Mike Elkins, Wake Forest.....	10	400	2443	6.1	244.3
Dan Henning, Maryland.....	11	418	2681	6.4	243.7
Terrence Jones, Tulane.....	11	442	2671	6.0	242.8
Erik Wilhelm, Oregon State.....	11	545	2665	4.9	242.3
Danny McCain, Cincinnati.....	11	439	2585	5.9	235.0
Jeff Graham, Long Beach State.....	11	497	2508	5.1	228.0
Bret Stafford, Texas.....	11	418	2472	5.9	224.7
Todd Santos, San Diego State.....	10	424	2229	5.3	222.9
Don McPherson, Syracuse.....	11	460	2350	5.1	213.6
Kevin Murray, Texas A&M.....	11	393	2348	5.9	213.5
Tom Hodson, Louisiana State.....	11	321	2219	6.9	201.7
Rodney Peete, Southern California.....	11	368	2152	5.9	195.6
*Bobby Watters, Southern Methodist.....	11	372	2115	5.7	192.3
Chris Chandler, Washington.....	11	333	2107	6.3	191.6
James Jackson, Georgia.....	10	289	1885	6.5	188.5
Mike Greenfield, Northwestern.....	11	359	2071	5.8	188.3
Ron Adams, Eastern Michigan.....	11	329	2045	6.2	185.9
Steve Slayden, Duke.....	11	396	1991	5.0	181.0
Tory Crawford, Army.....	11	342	1891	5.5	171.9
Jeff Francis, Tennessee.....	11	271	1855	6.9	168.6
Mike Orth, Kansas.....	9	344	1491	4.3	165.7

*Transferred to Arizona.

DIVISION 1-AA TOTAL OFFENSE

	G.	Tot. Plays	Yds.	Avg.	Yds.PG.
Mike Smith, Northern Iowa.....	11	372	3114	8.4	283.1
Sean Cook, Texas Southern.....	11	532	2895	5.4	263.2
Greg Wyatt, Northern Arizona.....	11	462	2695	5.8	245.0
Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross.....	11	371	2494	6.7	226.7
Jim Given, Bucknell.....	9	389	2008	5.2	223.1
Bob Jean, New Hampshire.....	11	427	2447	5.7	222.5
Trenton Lykes, Youngstown State.....	11	418	2386	5.7	216.9
Gino Mariani, Idaho State.....	11	455	2376	5.2	216.0
Reggie Lewis, Sam Houston State.....	11	317	2351	7.4	213.7
Thomas Leonard, Mississippi Valley.....	9	412	1866	4.5	207.3
Earnest Brow, Prairie View.....	11	437	2261	5.2	205.6
Jeff Cesarone, Western Kentucky.....	11	453	2169	4.8	197.2
Alan Hooker, North Carolina A&T.....	11	337	2160	6.4	196.4
Pat Mancini, Boston University.....	11	453	2135	4.7	194.1
Dave Brown, Virginia Military.....	10	308	1899	6.2	189.9
Greg Farland, Rhode Island.....	10	443	1873	4.2	187.3
Scott Dieterich, McNeese State.....	11	344	1997	5.8	181.6
Jerome Vigne, Alcorn State.....	10	296	1761	6.0	176.1
Stan Humphries, Northeast Louisiana.....	10	287	1714	6.0	171.4
Tony Peterson, Marshall.....	9	237	1531	6.5	170.1
Mark Donovan, Brown.....	10	288	1701	5.9	170.1
Tim Bryant, Massachusetts.....	11	334	1864	5.6	169.5
Kenny Gamble, Colgate.....	11	307	1816	5.9	165.1
Kyle Frondorf, Indiana State.....	11	344	1815	5.3	165.0
Keith Jarrett, Boise State.....	10	323	1617	5.0	161.7
Damon Phelan, Colgate.....	11	306	1772	5.8	161.1
Kelly Ryan, Yale.....	10	309	1610	5.2	161.0
Shannon Boyd, Jackson State.....	11	332	1713	5.2	155.7
Marvin Collier, Middle Tennessee State.....	9	255	1398	5.5	155.3
Brad Baxter, Alabama State.....	11	302	1705	5.7	155.0
Mark McGowan, Lehigh.....	10	241	1529	6.3	152.9

DIVISION 1-A PASSING EFFICIENCY

	G.	Att.	Cmp.	Pct.	Int.	Yds.	TDs.	Rt.Pts.
Tom Hodson, Louisiana State.....	11	288	175	60.76	8	2261	19	142.9
Jeff Francis, Tennessee.....	11	233	150	64.38	6	1946	9	142.1
Todd Ellis, South Carolina.....	11	340	205	60.29	22	3020	20	141.4
Mark Maye, North Carolina.....	11	176	110	62.50	6	1401	10	141.3
Ron Adams, Eastern Michigan.....	11	251	151	60.16	6	1995	13	139.2
Danny McCain, Cincinnati.....	11	369	237	64.23	11	2831	13	134.3
Chris Chandler, Washington.....	11	275	160	58.18	13	1994	20	133.6
James Jackson, Georgia.....	10	181	100	55.25	6	1475	9	133.5
Kevin Murray, Texas A&M.....	11	349	212	60.74	8	2463	17	131.5
Todd Santos, San Diego State.....	10	350	218	62.29	11	2553	14	130.5
Dan Henning, Maryland.....	11	353	196	55.52	11	2725	15	128.2
Mike Perez, San Jose State.....	9	384	228	59.38	17	2934	14	126.7
Terrence Jones, Tulane.....	11	284	159	55.99	7	2124	10	125.5
Wade Kosakowski, Ball State.....	9	212	137	64.62	8	1459	6	124.2
Jeff Burger, Auburn.....	11	222	126	56.76	11	1671	9	123.5
Jeff Graham, Long Beach State.....	11	426	245	57.51	17	2904	20	122.3
Erik Chapman, Virginia Tech.....	11	222	113	50.90	6	1627	10	121.9
Rodney Peete, Southern California.....	11	275	148	53.82	11	2025	10	119.7
Don McPherson, Syracuse.....	11	269	142	52.79	7	1827	12	119.4
*Bobby Watters, Southern Methodist.....	11	286	154	53.85	15	2041	13	118.3
Ronnie Barber, Cal State-Fullerton.....	12	246	134	54.47	13	1613	14	117.8
Mike Elkins, Wake Forest.....	10	380	205	53.95	15	2541	17	117.0
Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State.....	9	225	117	52.00	5	1525	8	116.2
Steve Slayden, Duke.....	11	313	183	58.47	15	1914	14	115.0

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1-A RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD.	Yds.PG.
Fenner, N. Carolina.....	200	1250	6.3	6	125.0
Stevenson, C. Mich.....	208	1104	5.3	14	122.7
Humphrey, Alabama.....	236	1471	6.2	15	122.6
Green, UCLA.....	220	1139	5.2	14	113.9
Thompson, Minnesota.....	217	1240	5.7	8	112.7
Smith, Navy.....	190	933	4.9	10	103.7
Jackson, San Jose St.....	262	1117	4.3	12	101.6
Crawford, Army.....	244	1075	4.4	15	97.7
Ellison, Tulsa.....	170	1064	6.3	4	96.7
Patton, E. Mich.....	210	1058	5.0	6	96.2
Muster, Stanford.....	243	1053	4.3	12	95.7
Jeffery, TCU.....	122	861	7.1	8	95.7
Johnson, Utah.....	166	1046	6.3	3	95.1
Morris, Michigan.....	193	1039	5.4	5	94.5
Tate, Georgia.....	187	954	5.1	16	86.7
Harris, Arizona State.....	205	933	4.6	9	84.8
Jones, Nebraska.....	161	830	5.2	14	83.0
Workman, Ohio State.....	197	985	5.0	7	82.1
Holieway, Oklahoma.....	139	811	5.8	8	81.1
Weathersby, Wash.....	160	880	5.5	4	80.0
Wallace, Missouri.....	211	872	4.1	4	79.3
McGill, Wake Forest.....	184	859	4.7	10	78.1
Mays, Georgia Tech.....	148	842	5.7	7	76.6
Harvey, UTEP.....	165	878	5.3	11	73.2
Young, Kent State.....	190	779	4.1	6	70.8

1-AA RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD.	Yds.PG.
Gamble, Colgate.....	307	1816	5.9	21	165.1
Baxter, Alabama St.....	302	1705	5.6	13	155.0
Reed, Howard.....	179	1386	7.7	18	138.6
Jackson, SW Tex. St.....	202	1187	5.9	10	107.9
Citizen, McNeese St.....	197	1088	5.5	8	98.9
Hoover, Delaware St.....	208	1086	5.2	3	98.7
Floyd, Nevada-Reno.....	159	1066	6.7	9	96.9
Crawford, E. Kent'y.....	224	1052	4.7	12	95.6
Lewis, Austin Peay.....	209	1032	4.9	9	93.8
Flynn, Pennsylvania.....	149	917	6.2	12	91.7
O'Leary, Northeastern.....	195	884	4.5	10	88.4
Powell, La. Tech.....	233	970	4.2	10	88.2
Sanders, Weber St.....	195	945	4.8	12	85.9
Stephens, NW La.....	204	943	4.6	3	85.7
Ford, New Hampshire.....	178	854	4.8	9	85.4
Blum, Lehigh.....	217	849	3.9	9	84.9
Dorsey, Maine.....	194	923	4.8	12	83.9
Payne, Murray State.....	181	838	4.6	3	83.8
Fogor, Nevada-Reno.....	178	827	4.6	14	82.7
Pettus, Boston U.....	175	874	5.0	3	79.5
Murchison, Lamar.....	179	830	4.6	9	75.5
Lockbaum, Holy Cross.....	144	827	5.7	14	75.2
Polite, N.C. A&T.....	169	811	4.8	13	73.7
Finnie, Bethune-Cook.....	180	804	4.5	7	73.1
Peebles, No. Iowa.....	147	747	5.1	6	67.9
Williams, E. Wash.....	129	677	5.2	5	67.7
Kelleher, Holy Cross.....	184	737	4.0	5	67.0

1-A SCORING

	TD.	XP.	FG.	Pts.	Pts.PG.
Stevenson, C. Mich.....	14	0	0	84	9.3
Tate, Georgia.....	17	0	0	102	9.3
Slater, Texas A&M.....	0	37	21	100	9.1
Coston, Arizona.....	0	34	21	97	8.8
Belli, Fresno State.....	0	33	21	96	8.7
Humphrey, Alabama.....	17	2	0	104	8.7
Kinzer, Virginia Tech.....	0	27	22	93	8.5
Green, UCLA.....	14	0	0	84	8.4
Jones, Nebraska.....	14	0	0	84	8.4
Crawford, Army.....	15	2	0	92	8.4
Smith, Navy.....	12	0	0	72	8.0
Gussman, Miami (Ohio).....	0	42	15	87	7.9
Bostrom, Arizona St.....	0	42	15	87	7.9
Schmidt, Florida State.....	0	41	15	86	7.8
*Olivarez, San Jose St.....	0	41	15	86	7.8
Harvey, UTEP.....	15	0	0	90	7.5
Klein, Nebraska.....	0	51	10	81	7.4
Lowe, Boston College.....	0	30	17	81	7.4
Knapp, Auburn.....	0	49	10	79	7.2
Wright, Temple.....	0	30	16	78	7.1
Muster, Stanford.....	13	0	0	78	7.1
Newman, TCU.....	0	29	16	77	7.0
Crumley, Georgia.....	0	33	14	75	6.8
Chitty, Brigham Young.....	0	32	16	80	6.7
Gandy, So. Miss.....	10	0	0	60	6.7
Fuess, Tulsa.....	0	34	13	73	6.6
Schillinger, Miami, O.....	12	0	0	72	6.6
Sharpe, South Carolina.....	12	0	0	72	6.6
Rives, Wake Forest.....	12	0	0	72	6.6
Jackson, San Jose St.....	12	0	0	72	6.6

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	G.	Att.	Cmp.	Pct.	Int.	Yds.	TDs.	Rt.Pts.
Mike Smith, Northern Iowa.....	11	303	190	62.71	16	3125	27	168.2
Alan Hocker, North Carolina A&T.....	11	244	149	61.07	8	1782	16	137.5
Mark McGowan, Lehigh.....	10	191	114	59.69	6	1589	8	137.1
Reggie Lewis, Sam Houston State.....	11	248	138	55.65	9	2078	12	134.7
Dave Brown, Virginia Military.....	10	209	106	50.72	14	1995	10	133.3
Greg Wyatt, Northern Arizona.....	11	392	250	63.78	16	2862	17	131.3
Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross.....	11	310	179	57.74	19	2464	16	129.3
Marvin Collier, Middle Tennessee State.....	9	149	81	54.36	4	1089	8	128.1
Jim Given, Bucknell.....	9	306	182	59.48	13	2167	15	126.6
Trenton Lykes, Youngstown State.....	11	315	189	60.00	9	2188	10	123.1
Mark Donovan, Brown.....	10	238	119	50.00	14	1777	15	121.8
Stacey Grear, Tennessee State.....	11	251	126	50.20	12	1683	15	116.7
Damon Phelan, Colgate.....	11	212	115	54.25	14	1474	10	115.0
Scott Dieterich, McNeese State.....	11	279	141	50.54	11	2031	9	114.4
Todd Payton, Appalachian State.....	10	150	75	50.00	6	1013	7	114.1
Jerome Vigne, Alcorn State.....	10	255	132	51.76	10	1722	10	113.6
Michael Proctor, Murray State.....	11	209	102	48.80	11	1508	9	113.1
Stan Humphries, Northeast Louisiana.....	10	249	117	46.99	11	1773	11	112.5
Tony Peterson, Marshall.....	9	209	100	47.85	13	1599	8	112.3
Tim Bryant, Massachusetts.....	11	207	107	51.69	8	1430	6	111.6
Sean Cook, Texas Southern.....	11	486	230	47.33	22	3065	28	110.3
Gino Mariani, Idaho State.....	11	415	207	49.88	18	2599	19	108.9
Chauncey Allen, Grambling.....	11	271	133	49.08	16	1782	13	108.3
Jeff Cesarone, Western Kentucky.....	11	397	207	52.14	14	2396	15	108.3
Kyle Frondorf, Indiana State.....	11	274	143	52.19	16	1962	6	107.9
Dale Edwards, Austin Peay.....	11	259	130	50.19	9	1623	8	106.1
Anthony Thomas, Bethune-Cookman.....	10	175	85	48.57	13	1139	9	105.4
Keith Jarrett, Boise State.....	10	280	135	48.21	11	1699	11	104.3
Pat Mancini, Boston University.....	11	369	168	45.53	13	2223	16	103.4
Bob Jean, New Hampshire.....	11	375	154	41.07	21	2535	19	103.4

1-AA SCORING

	TD.	XP.	FG.	Pts.	Pts.PG
Lockbaum, Holy Cross.....	22	0	0	132	12.0
Gamble, Colgate.....	21	0	0	126	11.5
Reed, Howard.....	18	2	0	110	11.0
Foger, Nevada-Reno.....	15	0	0	90	9.0
Polite, N.C. A&T.....	16	0	0	96	8.7
Roach, Western Caro.....	0	24	24	96	8.7
Roper, Arkansas State.....	0	33	21	96	8.7
Marable, E. Illinois.....	16	0	0	96	8.7
Zendejas, Nevada-Reno.....	0	53	14	95	8.6
Wood, Furman.....	0	36	18	90	8.2
Ehmke, Eastern Illinois.....	0	47	12	83	7.6
Nittmo, App'chian St.....	0	31	17	82	7.5
Stover, Louisiana Tech.....	0	19	21	82	7.5
Leonard, Miss. Val. St.....	11	0	0	66	7.3
Foley, Ga. Southern.....	0	50	10	80	7.3
Flynn, Pennsylvania.....	12	0	0	72	7.2
Sanders, Weber State.....	13	0	0	78	7.1
Baxter, Alabama State.....	13	0	0	78	7.1
Hayes, Sam Hous. St.....	0	29	16	77	7.0
Floyd, Nevada-Reno.....	12	2	0	74	6.7
Mayfield, W. Caro.....	11	0	0	66	6.6
Smellie, Massachusetts.....	12	0	0	72	6.6
Beattie, Lehigh.....	0	27	15	72	6.6
Decicio, Idaho.....	0	36	12	72	6.6
Crawford, E. Kentucky.....	12	0	0	72	6.6
Dorsey, Maine.....	12	0	0	72	6.6
Carter, Connecticut.....	0	24	15	69	6.3
Powell, Louisiana Tech.....	11	0	0	66	6.0
Murchison, Lamar.....	11	0	0	66	6.0

DIVISION 1-A ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	G.	Rush.	Rec.	PR.	KOR.	Yds.	Yds.PG.
Tim Brown, Notre Dame.....	11	254	910	75	698	1937	176.1
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama.....	12	1471	201	0	344	2016	168.0
Gary Patton, Eastern Michigan.....	11	1058	371	0	384	1813	164.8
Sterling Sharpe, South Carolina.....	11	104	1106	190	377	1777	161.6
Chuck Smith, Navy.....	9	933	280	0	135	1348	149.8
Brad Muster, Stanford.....	11	1053	565	0	0	1618	147.1
Rodney Stevenson, Central Michigan.....	9	1104	23	0	155	1282	142.4
Jamie Morris, Michigan.....	11	1039	240	0	281	1560	141.8
Darrell Thompson, Minnesota.....	11	1240	198	0	114	1552	141.1
Derrick Fenner, North Carolina.....	10	1250	122	0	0	1372	137.2
Kenny Jackson, San Jose State.....	11	1117	352	0	0	1469	133.6
Derek Loville, Oregon.....	11	544	236	0	686	1466	133.3
Chris Warren, Virginia.....	11	380	162	136	768	1446	131.5
Kendal Smith, Utah State.....	11	0	474	184	735	1393	126.6
Terance Mathis, New Mexico.....	10	105	955	53	109	1222	122.2
Gaston Green, UCLA.....	10	1139	70	0	0	1209	120.9
Anthony Miller, Tennessee.....	11	64	667	0	522	1253	113.9
Eddie Johnson, Utah.....	11	1046	200	0	0	1246	113.3
Wendell Davis, Louisiana State.....	11	0	1244	0	0	1244	113.1
Rodney Taylor, Northern Illinois.....	11	557	159	101	405	1222	111.1
Keith Stephens, Louisville.....	11	34	10	261	901	1206	109.6
Darryl McGill, Wake Forest.....	11	859	138	0	208	1205	109.6
Vince Workman, Ohio State.....	12	985	157	7	162	1311	109.3
Tony Jeffery, Texas Christian.....	9	861	114	0	0	975	108.3
Anthony Sargent, Wyoming.....	12	0	655	258	386	1299	108.3
Keith Woodside, Texas A&M.....	11	569	603	13	0	1185	107.7
Lars Tate, Georgia.....	11	954	228	0	0	1182	107.5
George Thomas, Nevada-Las Vegas.....	11	28	808	0	344	1180	107.3

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	G.	Rush.	Rec.	PR.	KOR.	Yds.	Yds.PG.
Kenny Gamble, Colgate.....	11	1816	178	40	391	2425	220.5
Gordon Lockbaum, Holy Cross.....	11	827	860	0	452	2173	197.6
Brad Baxter, Alabama State.....	11	1705	86	0	0	1791	162.8
Chris Flynn, Pennsylvania.....	10	917	110	323	270	1620	162.0
Carl Boyd, Northern Iowa.....	11	715	893	0	0	1608	146.2
Doug Haynes, Rhode Island.....	11	572	335	0	662	1569	142.6
Harvey Reed, Howard.....	10	1386	3	0	0	1389	138.9
Rodney Payne, Murray State.....	10	838	83	0	454	1375	137.5
Lucius Floyd, Nevada-Reno.....	11	1066	380	0	54	1500	136.4
Mark Stock, Virginia Military.....	11	0	1123	162	150	1435	130.5
Erwin Matthews, Richmond.....	11	551	77	0	774	1402	127.5
Lee Blum, Lehigh.....	10	849	382	0	0	1231	123.1
Rodney Stockett, James Madison.....	11	224	322	246	538	1330	120.9
Tony Gilbert, Southwest Missouri State.....	10	540	42	0	676	1198	119.8
Clarence Alexander, Mississippi Valley State.....	9	0	11	380	681	1072	119.1
Roy Jackson, Southwest Texas State.....	11	1187	18	0	94	1299	118.1
Tony Logan, Nevada-Reno.....	11	19	703	0	574	1296	117.8
Mike Lewis, Austin Peay State.....	11	1032	244	0	0	1276	116.0
Tony Citizen, McNeese State.....	11	1088	158	0	8	1254	114.0
James Marable, Eastern Illinois.....	11	683	297	0	260	1240	112.7
Mike Barber, Marshall.....	11	0	1180	54	0	1234	112.2
Terrance Hoover, Delaware State.....	11	1086	142	0	0	1228	111.6
Joe Arnold, Western Kentucky.....	11	721	290	0	211	1222	111.1
Randy Pettus, Boston University.....	11	874	246	0	101	1221	111.0
Butch Caston, Idaho State.....	11	308	534	0	364	1206	109.6

1-AA FIELD GOALS

	G.	FGA	FGM	FG.PG
Roach, Western Caro.....	11	28	24	2.18
Stover, Louisiana Tech.....	11	25	21	1.91
Roper, Arkansas State.....	11	28	21	1.91
Wood, Furman.....	11	27	18	1.64
Nittmo, Appalachian St.....	11	23	17	1.55
Hayes, Sam Houston St.....	11	22	16	1.45
Garcia, NE Louisiana.....	11	20	15	1.36
Beattie, Lehigh.....	11	22	15	1.36
Carter, Connecticut.....	11	23	15	1.36
Zendejas, Nevada-Reno.....	11	18	14	1.27
Waters, Tenn.-Chatt.....	11	16	13	1.18
Parkinson, Delaware St.....	11	23	13	1.18
Potthast, SW Mo. St.....	9	13	10	1.11
Hickert, Murray State.....	11	17	12	1.09
Ehmke, Eastern Illinois.....	11	18	12	1.09
Decicio, Idaho.....	11	25	12	1.09
Wiley, McNeese State.....	11	14	11	1.00
Borjestedt, Maine.....	10	15	10	1.00
Dowling, Y'gstown St.....	11	22	11	1.00
Manolas, Bethune-Cook.....	11	24	11	1.00
Foley, Ga. Southern.....	11	11	10	.91
Dombroski, Akron.....	11	13	10	.91
Facey, New Hampshire.....	11	13	10	.91
Bonvini, Massachusetts.....	11	14	10	.91
Martin, Middle Tenn. St.....	11	15	10	.91
McMillan, Austin Peay.....	11	19	10	.91

Top Statistical Returnees

1-A RECEIVING

	Rec.	Yds.	TD.	Ct.PG.	Avg.
Davis, Louisiana State	80	1244	11	7.3	15.6
Sharpe, S. Carolina	74	1106	10	6.7	15.0
Liggins, San Jose St.	72	983	6	6.6	13.7
Zeno, Tulane	68	1033	7	6.2	15.2
James, Stanford	52	779	8	5.8	15.0
Muster, Stanford	61	565	1	5.6	9.3
Dykes, Okla. State	60	814	7	5.5	13.6
Carter, Ohio State	65	1066	11	5.4	16.4
Mathis, New Mexico	53	955	10	5.3	18.0
Rison, Michigan State	54	966	5	4.9	17.9
Irvin, Miami (Fla.)	53	868	11	4.8	16.4
Woodside, Tex. A&M	52	603	5	4.7	11.6
Jackson, San Jose St.	51	352	0	4.6	6.9
Cameron, Ohio	50	621	4	4.6	12.4
Williams, Oregon St.	45	323	0	4.5	7.2
Loving, Wyoming	53	670	6	4.4	12.6
Hoffman, Wyoming	51	469	1	4.3	9.2
Schillinger, Miami, O.	46	955	12	4.2	20.8
Green, Duke	46	608	6	4.2	13.2
Chaney, Purdue	46	257	1	4.2	5.6
Worthen, N. Caro. St.	41	686	4	4.1	16.7
Vaughn, Kansas	41	341	2	4.1	8.3
Brown, Notre Dame	45	910	5	4.1	20.2
Hice, Cincinnati	44	584	1	4.0	13.3
Sargent, Wyoming	47	655	8	3.9	13.9
Henry, Southern Cal.	43	807	7	3.9	18.8

1-AA RECEIVING

	Rec.	Yds.	TD.	Ct.PG.	Avg.
Collins, Northern Ariz.	70	1016	4	6.4	14.5
Barber, Marshall	64	1180	7	5.8	18.5
Morris, Idaho	59	719	3	5.4	12.2
Lockbaum, Holy Cross	57	860	8	5.2	15.1
Dunn, Connecticut	57	854	5	5.2	15.0
Orton, Weber State	57	846	5	5.2	14.8
Hebra, Maine	56	812	6	5.1	14.5
Nowell, Western Caro.	53	763	3	4.8	14.4
Olds, New Hampshire	52	944	8	4.7	18.2
Boyd, Northern Iowa	52	893	5	4.7	17.2
Scott, Grambling	49	766	6	4.5	15.6
Dundfield, Rhode Island	49	655	2	4.5	13.4
Morton, Dartmouth	44	1063	10	4.4	24.2
Muse, Rhode Island	48	471	3	4.4	9.8
Mehre, Wil. & Mary	47	781	7	4.3	16.6
Doyle, Louisiana Tech	47	705	4	4.3	15.0
Baker, Northern Iowa	46	897	10	4.2	19.5
Roth, Maine	46	708	7	4.2	15.4
Stock, Va. Military	45	1123	8	4.1	25.0
Athanasia, Yale	40	434	1	4.0	10.9
Blum, Lehigh	40	382	1	4.0	9.6
Cannon, Indiana St.	43	631	1	3.9	14.7
Antrum, Connecticut	43	540	3	3.9	12.6

1-A PUNTING

	No.	Avg.	Yds.
Waits, Texas	48	46.1	2214
Becker, Texas Christian	59	46.1	2717
Helson, Colorado	57	45.6	2599
Shulman, Auburn	49	44.1	2161
Tupa, Ohio State	50	43.6	2180
Cepicky, Wisconsin	67	43.0	2879
Mandel, Utah State	70	42.9	3004
Barkate, UCLA	47	42.8	2011
Tabor, California	52	42.2	2194
Garmon, Tennessee	43	42.1	1810
DeFrank, Louisiana State	46	42.0	1933
Mohr, Alabama	52	41.8	2172
Knighten, Southern Mississippi	64	41.7	2667
Robison, Stanford	57	41.6	2372
Whelihan, Missouri	75	41.5	3115
Thompson, Brigham Young	57	41.5	2364
Carion, West Virginia	63	41.1	2591
Kilpatrick, Wyoming	53	40.8	2163
Diehl, San Jose State	50	40.7	2034
Liberati, Temple	57	40.7	2318
O'Connell, Rutgers	55	40.6	2234
Herbel, Minnesota	46	40.5	1862
Feagles, Miami (Fla.)	52	40.4	2100
Ross, San Diego State	69	40.3	2782
Dilweg, Duke	56	40.2	2253
Nelson, Kentucky	41	40.2	1648
Wright, Maryland	69	40.2	2771

1-AA PUNTING

	No.	Avg.	Yds.
Bradley, Sam Houston State	44	44.5	1957
Burke, Morehead State	68	44.1	2997
Hood, Tennessee State	48	43.1	2070
Dercher, Murray State	48	42.0	2018

	No.	Avg.	Yds.
Stein, Eastern Washington	56	41.8	2340
Beal, North Texas State	54	41.2	2227
Maloney, Idaho State	42	41.0	1722
Barr, Austin Peay State	60	40.9	2453
Christie, William & Mary	47	40.8	1919
Druett, James Madison	40	40.6	1622
Page, Montana State	83	39.9	3312
Schimmer, Boise State	60	39.6	2378
Duhe, Northeast Louisiana	55	39.4	2165
Smith, Tennessee-Chatt.	69	39.3	2711
McCabe, Illinois State	72	39.2	2820
Olivo, Richmond	54	39.2	2113
Johnson, Eastern Kentucky	50	39.0	1951
Lane, Delaware State	54	38.8	2094
Parker, Georgia Southern	37	38.7	1430
Wall, Virginia Military	51	38.7	1971
Fugate, Marshall	59	38.5	2270
Sampson, Arkansas State	58	38.5	2230
Carriere, Connecticut	59	38.4	2265
Harkins, Appalachian State	61	38.4	2341

1-A INTERCEPTIONS

	G.	No.	Yds.	TD.	Avg.
Blades, Miami (Fla.)	11	10	128	0	.91
Johnson, Oregon State	11	9	86	0	.82
Wagner, W. Michigan	11	7	17	0	.64
Cecil, Arizona	11	6	142	2	.55
Carrier, Louisiana State	11	6	98	0	.55
Long, Utah State	11	6	71	0	.55
Donald, North Carolina	11	6	51	0	.55
White, Miami (Ohio)	11	6	30	0	.55
Kellogg, Central Michigan	10	5	110	0	.50
Pettine, Virginia	10	5	36	0	.50
Williams, Boston College	11	5	143	0	.45
Flowers, Texas A&M	11	5	73	1	.45
Cortell, Colorado State	11	5	71	1	.45
Krumm, Michigan State	11	5	65	1	.45
Humphreys, Stanford	11	5	60	1	.45
Henderson, W. Michigan	11	5	54	0	.45
Jones, Missouri	11	5	37	0	.45
Brown, Utah State	11	5	29	0	.45
Kramer, Bowling Green	11	5	25	0	.45
Bain, Miami (Fla.)	11	5	24	0	.45
Price, Mississippi	11	5	11	0	.45
Briggs, Auburn	11	5	7	0	.45
Rogan, Ohio State	12	5	39	1	.42
Walker, UTEP	12	5	3	0	.42

1-AA INTERCEPTIONS

	G.	No.	Yds.	TD.	Avg.
Dent, Jackson State	11	10	192	2	.91
Giles, Marshall	11	8	160	1	.73
Ross, Alabama State	11	8	131	0	.73
Lucas, Delaware	11	8	128	1	.73
Harris, East Tenn. St.	10	7	150	1	.70
Murphy, Holy Cross	10	7	76	0	.70
Smith, Illinois State	10	7	32	0	.70
Reynolds, Eastern Illinois	11	7	63	1	.64
Joseph, Lafayette	11	7	40	0	.64
Banco, Lehigh	11	7	30	0	.64
Beard, Morgan State	10	6	134	1	.60
Lewis, Mississippi Valley	9	5	47	0	.56
Tyler, Akron	11	6	109	2	.55
Paulson, Idaho	11	6	93	1	.55
Sapenter, Prairie View	11	6	50	0	.55
Estep, Holy Cross	11	6	28	0	.55
Seals, Boston University	11	6	27	0	.55
Phillips, Alcorn State	10	5	119	1	.50
Hawkins, Bucknell	10	5	81	0	.50
DeMarest, Northeastern	10	5	72	0	.50
Sullivan, Yale	10	5	60	0	.50
Raich, Cornell	10	5	53	1	.50
Cain, Princeton	10	5	53	0	.50
Breland, Montana	10	5	42	0	.50
Evers, Florida A&M	11	5	43	0	.45
MacPhee, Lafayette	11	5	42	0	.45
Harper, South Caro. St.	11	5	39	0	.45
Buford, Middle Tenn. St.	11	5	32	0	.45
Kimball, Montana State	11	5	26	0	.45
Aucker, Richmond	11	5	24	0	.45
Stewart, Bethune-Cook	11	5	23	0	.45

1-A KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TD.	Avg.
Thomas, Penn State	12	383	1	31.9
Brown, Notre Dame	25	698	2	27.9
Jones, Washington	15	407	0	27.1
Jones, Illinois	15	398	0	26.5
Ross, Florida State	22	583	1	26.5
Thomas, Miami (Ohio)	17	441	1	25.9
Delgado, California	11	285	0	25.9

	No.	Yds.	TD.	Avg.
Seals, Memphis State	21	523	0	24.9
Robinson, Miss. St.	26	643	0	24.7
Nelson, Colorado	21	519	0	24.7
Thomas, Nevada-L.V.	14	344	0	24.6
Beach, Colorado State	16	382	0	23.9
Fischer, Pacific	20	473	1	23.7
Roper, Rice	34	795	0	23.4
Smith, Fresno State	18	419	0	23.3
Hughley, Toledo	27	622	0	23.0
Pierce, Tulane	22	506	0	23.0
Watkins, Florida	29	666	0	23.0

1-AA KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TD.	Avg.
Copeland, Eastern Ky.	26	812	2	31.2
Chappell, Howard	17	528	1	31.1
Jackson, N.C. A&T	16	487	0	30.4
Henry, Sam Houston St.	13	359	0	27.6
Stockett, J. Madison	20	538	0	26.9
Robinson, Alcorn State	18	482	1	26.8
Levias, Lamar	14	362	0	25.9
Alford, Middle Tenn. St.	18	458	0	25.4
Anderson, Northern Ia.	24	605	1	25.2
Coney, Tennessee Tech.	33	813	0	24.6
Matthews, Richmond	32	774	2	24.2
Payne, Murray State	19	454	1	23.9
Haynes, Northern Ariz.	14	333	0	23.8
Boothe, Connecticut	15	356	1	23.7
Stewart, Bethune-Cook	36	846	0	23.5
Coleman, Montana	13	305	0	23.5
Darby, Marshall	14	327	1	23.4
Truitt, Boise State	22	508	1	23.1
Rose, Grambling	16	368	0	23.0

1-A PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TD.	Avg.
Ingram, Georgia Tech	16	233	0	14.6
Joseph, Arizona State	15	212	0	14.1
Garner, Kansas	14	193	2	13.8
Thurman, Texas Tech	33	444	2	13.5
Brinson, Nebraska	27	340	0	12.6
Collins, Oklahoma	17	205	1	12.1
Craine, Memphis State	14	160	0	11.4
Woods, Tennessee	18	203	0	11.3
Conner, Army	17	190	0	11.2
Marciano, Iowa	26	286	1	11.0
Riley, Washington	36	392	1	10.9
Johnson, Hawaii	28	290	0	10.4
Lewis, North Carolina	21	213	1	10.2
Grimes, Ohio	18	179	1	9.9
Campbell, Colorado	26	254	0	9.8
Krumm, Michigan State	22	211	0	9.6
Sanders, Florida State	31	291	0	9.4
Stephens, Louisville	28	261	0	9.3
Metcalfe, Texas	25	228	0	9.1
Sharpe, South Carolina	21	190	0	9.1
Myers, Virginia Tech	27	236	0	8.7
Dole, Iowa State	33	287	0	8.7
Coates, Penn State	36	309	0	8.6
Ross, Ohio State	34	288	0	8.5
Cobb, Rutgers	17	144	0	8.5

1-AA PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TD.	Avg.
Alexander, Miss. Val. St.	22	380	1	17.3
Anderson, Sam Hou. St.	16	229	0	14.3
Camper, North Tex. St.	14	194	1	13.9
Huckaby, Florida A&M.....	15	204	0	13.6
Jones, Jackson State	31	403	1	13.0
Alford, Middle Tenn. St.	30	390	0	13.0
Pitzer, Lehigh	18	213	1	11.8
Ealey, Richmond	12	142	1	11.8
Johnson, Northeastern.....	17	178	1	10.5
Stockett, J. Madison	25	246	1	9.8
Kaskie, Nevada-Reno.....	28	272	0	9.7
Copeland, Eastern Ky.	30	262	1	8.7
Marshall, Alabama St.....	19	165	0	8.7
Phillips, SW Mo. St.	22	189	0	8.6
Calhoun, Illinois St.....	19	163	1	8.6
Robinson, Tennessee St.	27	227	0	8.4
Robinson, Alcorn State.....	12	99	0	8.3
Sherman, J. Madison	15	117	0	7.8
Jones, Louisiana Tech.....	14	107	0	7.6
Belser, Ga. Southern.....	18	136	0	7.6
Dunn, Connecticut.....	28	211	1	7.5
Smith, Texas Southern.....	20	148	0	7.4
Kimball, Montana St.....	16	118	0	7.4
Stock, Va. Military	22	162	0	7.4
Hooks, Tenn.-Chatt.....	17	122	0	7.2
Fernandez, Holy Cross	29	203	0	7.0
Burgess, Marshall	30	204	0	6.8

AIR FORCE

Coach: Fisher DeBerry (26-10, 3 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; WAC: 5-2/3rd.
Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: Pat Evans, FB; Chris Findall, OG; Brady Glick, LB; Ty Hankamer, LB; Steve Hendrickson, OG; Tyrone Jeffcoat, WR; Marc Munaf, HB; Steve Sigler, S; Mark Simon, P; Steve Spewock, DT; Mike Tolliver, CB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Blake Gettys, C, 6-2/250, Sr. (switched to DT); Jeff Johnson, T, 6-3/249, Jr.; Robert Krause, HB, 5-10/171, Jr.; Frank Martini, TE, 6-2/222, Sr.; Greg Myers, G, 6-1/236, Sr. **Defense (2):** Chad Hennings, T, 6-5/260, Sr.; John Steed, NG/FB, 6-2/225, Sr.
Key Returnees: Pat Ahlgrimm, S, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Tyler Barth, WR, Jr.; Chris Blasy, P/K, Jr.; Albert Booker, HB, Jr. (missed spring/knee); Rip Burgwald, LB, Sr. (injured knee in spring); Nate Cunningham, S, Sr.; Dee Dowis, QB, Soph.; Eric Faison, CB/HB, Soph.; David Hlatky, G, Jr.; Greg Johnson, HB, Sr. (injured shoulder in spring); Mike Johnson, K, Sr.; Derick Larson, LB, Sr. (injured knee in spring); Anthony Roberson, WR/RB, Jr.; Quinton Roberts, FB, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Len Blanchard, HB (JV; missed spring/knee); Greg Cochran, WR (JV); Steve Letnick, QB (JV/broke hand boxing); Pat McNelis, C (JV).

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Coach: LaVell Edwards (137-45-1, 15 years).
1986 Record: 8-4; WAC: 6-2/2nd.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Ladd Akeo, LB; Mark Bellini, WR; Jason Buck, DT; Lakei Heimuli, RB; Shawn Knight, DT; Trevor Mollini, TE; Korey Rasmussen, DB; Shane Shumway, DB; Jeff Wilcox, DB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** John Borgia, G, 6-3/280, Sr.; Bob Jensen, QB, 6-2/210, Jr.; Brian Rodoni, C, 6-5/270, Sr.; Brian White, T, 6-4/260, Jr.; Rich Zayas, WR, 6-0/175, Sr. **Defense (5):** David Futrell, NG, 6-1/265, Sr. (injured knee in spring); Richard Hobbs, LB, 6-4/220, Sr.; Thor Salanoa, LB, 6-0/240, Sr.; Rodney Thomas, CB, 5-10/195, Sr.; J.C. VonColln, LB, 6-1/235, Sr.
Key Returnees: Leonard Chitty, K, Sr.; Tim Clark, DT, Jr.; Sean Covey, QB, Soph. (mission); Darren Fortie, WR, Jr. (mission); Darren Handley, TE, Jr.; Regan Hansen, LB, Jr.; John Hunter, OG, Jr.; Andy Katoo, LB, Sr. (injured knee in spring); Steve Kaufusi, DT, Sr.; Tim Knight, NG, Jr.; Troy Long, S, Jr.; Ralph Martini, QB, Soph.; David Miles, SE, Sr.; Matt Odle, WR, Soph. (mission); Scott Peterson, S, Jr.; Mike Young, QB, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Matt Bellini, HB (RS/switched from WR); Ty Detmer, QB; Travis McBeth, TE (JC); Rodney Rice, CB (JC); Brett Salisbury, QB (JV).

COLORADO STATE

Coach: Leon Fuller (23-34, 5 years).
1986 Record: 6-5; WAC: 4-4/T4th.
Offense: Single Back. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Steve Bartalo, FB; Tony Bevacqua, TE; Dale Carr, LB; Guy Goar, C; Hardy Griffin, CB; Alex Hoover, LB; Jim King, CB; Edgar Mitchell, OG; Kelly Stouffer, FB; Gary Wehlage, DB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (4):** Sanjay Beach, WR, 6-1/185, Sr.; Todd Eakes, T, 6-5/255, Sr.; Doug Flala, T, 6-7/275, Sr. (missed spring/ankle); Todd Tyrell, WR, 6-0/185, Sr. **Defense (3):** Ron Cortell, CB, 5-7/160, Jr.; Clint Hjel, E, 6-5/245, Sr.; Pete Paviakis, LB, 6-0/215, Sr.
Key Returnees: Ty Barrett, OG, Sr. (might switch to DT); J.D. Brookhart, WR, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder); Fred Davis, TE, Sr.; Dewey Dorough, SE, Sr.; Dave Mundt, LB, Soph. (RS/kneecap); Tony Nomina, S, Jr.; Nate Reimer, OG, Jr.; Eric Schaller, DE, Soph.; Ron Tesone, CB, Sr.; Gary Thompson, LB, Jr.; Rod Trumper, S, Sr.; Scott Whitehouse, FB, Jr.; Doug Wills, DE, Sr. (missed spring/shoulder).
Top Newcomers: Robert Chirico, DE (RS); Paul Hanks, NG (RS); Sjohn Jackson, CB (transfer/Wichita State); Dennis Kling, OT (transfer/Colorado); Doug Lindner, TE (RS); Scooter Molander, QB (JC); Steve Rule, LB (RS/elbow); Todd Yert, RB (RS).

HAWAII

Coach: Bob Wagner (first year at Hawaii).
1986 Record: 7-5; WAC: 4-4/T4th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Danny Crowell, FB; David Dyas, WR; Matt Follner, NG; Ron Hall, TE; Thad Jefferson, LB; M.L. Johnson, LB; Kyle Kafentzis, DB; Willy Kalakau, OT; Pete Noga, LB; Joe Onosai, C; Brian Owens, DB; Colin Scotts, DT; Gregg Tipton, QB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (4):** Amosa Amosa, C, 6-2/265, Jr.; Marco Johnson, WR/KR, 5-9/165, Sr.; Mark Nua, T, 6-7/325, Jr.; Koldene Walsh, WR, 5-6/170, Sr. **Defense (2):** Pat McCray, S, 6-1/200, Sr.; Al Noga, T, 6-2/250, Sr.
Key Returnees: Theo Adams, OT/LB, Sr. (switching from TE); Brian Belcher, LB, Jr.; Walter Briggs, QB, Soph. (RS); Sam Carroll, DT, Sr.; Jamey Collins, WR, Soph. (RS); Dana Directo, NG, Soph.; Heikoti Fakava, RB, Jr.; Leo Goas, OG, Soph.; Kenny Hewett, OT, Sr.; Warren Jones, QB, Jr. (RS); Junior Lopati, RB, Jr.; Nick Maafala, DT, Soph. (RS); Brian Norwood, CB, Sr.; Joe Piccola, LB, Sr.; Rod Valverde, K, Sr.; Pete Wiedanz, LB, Soph.; Marcel Williams, WR, Sr.
Top Newcomers: John Freeman, WR (RS); Sean Kafentzis, CB/S (RS); Louis LaDay, WR (JC); Ken Masterson, LB (transfer/SMU); Lane Santiago, LB (JC).

NEW MEXICO

Coach: Mike Sheppard (first year at New Mexico; 16-18 overall, 3 years).
1986 Record: 4-8; WAC: 2-5/7th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 3-4.
Key Losses: Kevin Burgess, FB; Don Carpenter, DB; Tom Cole, LB; Ron Keller, P; Glenn Rogers, RB; Bob Umdenstock, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (5):** Pat Capatolla, WR, 5-9/184, Sr.; Barry Luther, G, 6-3/243, Jr.; Scott Maney, C, 6-2/252, Sr. (missed spring/back); Terance Mathis, WR, 5-9/162, Jr.; Brian McCabe, G, 6-2/253, Sr. (switched to NT). **Defense (5):** Mike Kirkindoll, S, 5-11/199, Sr.; Orlando Leavell, NT/T, 6-2/274, Sr.; Fred Mady, T, 6-1/245, Sr.; Phillip Vaughan, LB, 6-1/227, Sr.; Marcel Weise, S, 5-10/178, Sr.
Key Returnees: Troy Clewis, CB, Sr.; Darren Douglas, CB, Sr.; Barry Garrison, QB, Sr.; Donny Gassoway, LB, Sr.; Shane Hall, RB, Sr.; Art Martinez, LB, Jr.; Al Owens, WR, Soph.; Vaughn Simmons, RB, Sr.; Kenneth Whitehead, TE, Sr. (switched from CB).
Top Newcomers: Kirk Allen, LB (transfer/Wichita State); Myron Ashley, WR (JC); John Duff, TE (JC); Ed Larson, QB (JC); Dave McQuet, TE (JC); John Mitchell, QB (JC); Willie Owens, WR (JC); Robert Ramirez, OT (JC/injured knee in spring); James Stewart, RB (JC/injured knee in spring).

SAN DIEGO STATE

Coach: Denny Stolz (8-4, 1 year; 117-78-2, 19 years).
1986 Record: 8-3; WAC: 7-1/1st.
Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Mike Arie, OT; Doug Aronson, OG; Robert Awalt, TE; Brett Blanchard, FL; Richard Brown, LB; Levi Esene, DT; Corey Gilmore, FB; Chris Hardy, HB; Randy Kirk, LB; Steve Lauter, S; Kenny Moore, SE; Duane Petit, DT; Mike Wilder, LB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (3):** Mike Knutson, T, 6-5/255, Sr.; Todd Santos, QB, 6-2/200, Sr.; Kevin Wells, C, 6-5/260, Jr. **Defense (5):** Brett Faryniarz, E, 6-3/210, Sr.; Harold Hicks, S, 6-0/195, Sr.; Mike Hooper, T, 6-3/265, Sr.; Mario Mitchell, CB, 5-10/180, Jr.; Clarence Nunn, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.
Key Returnees: Demetrius Bell, DT, Soph.; Reggie Blaylock, OG, Sr.; Mitch Burton, TE, Jr.; Dave DesRochers, OT, Sr.; Lyndon Early, S, Jr.; Monty Gilbreath, WR, Soph.; Alfred Jackson, WR, Jr.; Chuck Nixon, LB, Sr.; Troy Reed, FB, Sr.; Wayne Ross, P, Jr.; Nick Subis, OT, Soph.; Milt Wilson, DE, Soph.
Top Newcomers: Kenny Bernard, LB (tran/California); Tommy Booker, RB; Michael Broome, WR (JC); Robert Claiborne, WR (JC); Kevin Conard, LB (tran/Washington); Dan Holmes, RB (JC); LaMont Parks, RB, Jr.; Patrick Rowe, WR; Derek Santifer, LB (JC).

TEXAS-EL PASO

Coach: Bob Stull (4-8, 1 year; 14-20 overall, 3 years).
1986 Record: 4-8; WAC: 2-6/8th.
Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** 52.
Key Losses: Sammy Garza, QB; Bob Keseday, TE; Joe MacEsker, OT; Bert Williams, DE.
Starters Returning: **Offense (6):** Harold Collins, WR, 6-3/200, Sr.; John Harvey, TB, 6-0/188, Jr.; Sean Kugler, 6-3/275, Jr.; Barry Parker, WR/KR, 5-9/164, Sr.; Clint Riley, T, 6-2/269, Sr.; James Spady, C, 6-2/230, Jr. **Defense (7):** Steve Griggs, T, 6-4/256, Jr.; Keith Lipscomb, NG, 6-0/224, Sr.; Doug Morgan, LB, 6-1/200, Soph.; Ross Puritty, T, 6-3/217, Soph.; Joe Terry, E, 6-2/210, Sr.; Terry Walker, S, 5-11/175, Jr.; Richie Wright, S, 5-10/183, Soph.
Key Returnees: Arnie Addison, TE/P, Jr.; Thomas Bradley, DT, Soph. (RS/academics); John Brazil, QB, Soph.; Hugo Castellanos, K, Sr.; Vernon Cooks, DB, Soph. (RS/academics); Marcus Culbreth, NG, Jr.; Eddie Dixon, FB, Jr.; Gregory Evans, LB, Soph.; Blair Fowler, LB, Sr. (RS/medical); Rob Housler, TE, Jr.; Luther Johnson, WR/KR, Sr. (RS/academics); Jeb Moseley, DT, Jr.; Tony Tolbert, DT, Soph.; Rich Willis, QB, Soph.; Dean Wittholz, OT, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Kevin Caldwell, RB; Mark Caravelli, OG (JC); Pat Hegarty, QB (JC); Darren Lewis, DB (JC); Mike May, C (JC).

UTAH

Coach: Jim Fassel (10-13, 2 years).
1986 Record: 2-9; WAC: 1-7/9th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Bryan Bero, FB (will miss 1987 season with knee injury); Dave Cullity, OT; Larry Egger, QB; James Hansen, OT; Loren Ritchey, WR.
Starters Returning: **Offense (3):** Eddie Johnson, RB, 5-8/175, Sr.; Curt Jones, TE, 6-4/210, Jr.; John New, G, 6-1/250, Sr. **Defense (5):** Leo Austin, CB, 5-9/165, Sr.; Clarence Fields, S/CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Kevin Hawn, LB, 6-2/220, Sr.; Bob Jenkins, T, 6-3/255, Sr.; Tika Manu, E, 6-4/258, Sr.
Key Returnees: Mark Geiselmayer, LB, Sr. (RS/knee, missed spring); Carl Harry, WR, Jr.; Darren Hughes, WR, Soph. (switched from QB); Eric Jacobsen, S, Jr.; Jeff Jenkins, WR, Sr.; Mike Jones, S, Sr. (RS/ankle, status questionable due to concussion); Pat Kennedy, CB, Jr.; James McKenna, NG, Soph.; Chris Mendonca, QB, Sr.; Darren Patterson, LB, Soph. (RS/knee); Steve Sigloch, FB/RB, Soph.; P.J. Williams, DT, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Rick Eckles, C (JC); Rocky Emery, OT (transfer/Oregon State); Vince Jenkins, TE (transfer/Southern Methodist); Scott Mitchell, QB (RS); Al Rodgers, RB (RS); James Thompson, LB (JC); Pasa Tukuafu, LB (JC).

WYOMING

Coach: Paul Roach (first year at Wyoming).
1986 Record: 6-6; WAC: 4-4/T4th.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.
Key Losses: Pete Baldacci, OT; Brian Cetak, OG; Craig Earl, DE; Mike Reidy, OT; Mark Thomas, CB.
Starters Returning: **Offense (7):** Gerald Abraham, FB, 5-10/198, Sr.; Craig Burnett, QB, 6-1/190, Jr.; Eric Coleman, TB, 6-0/181, Jr. (might switch to CB); Bill Hoffman, TE, 6-4/230, Sr.; Eric Loftus, SE, 6-0/185, Sr.; Steve Slay, T, 6-8/270, Soph.; Shawn Wehrer, G, 6-4/257, Soph. (switched from C). **Defense (8):** Reggie Berry, CB, 6-0/180, Sr.; Scott Hanser, LB, 6-2/226, Sr.; Daryl Harris, S, 6-0/175, Jr.; Mike Hill, S, 5-10/187, Jr.; Keith Jackson, E, 6-2/240, Sr.; Jeff Knapton, 6-4/240, Sr.; Mike Schenbeck, LB, 6-2/230, Jr.; Galand Thaxton, LB, 6-1/222, Sr.
Key Returnees: Steve Bena, FB, Soph.; Steve Clayton, S, Soph.; Vaughn Henderson, LB, Soph.; Tom Kilpatrick, P/TE, Jr.; James Loving, WR, Sr.; Rich Miller, S/LB, Jr. (RS/knee, missed spring); Darrell Perkins, TB, Jr.; Scott Runyan, QB, Sr.; Grant Salisbury, C, Jr.; Anthony Sargent, WR, Sr.; Dave Schutt, LB, Soph. (missed spring/shoulder); Steve Vana, S, Sr. (RS/foot); Greg Worker, K, Sr.
Top Newcomers: Mitchell Donahue, DT (RS); Tyrone Fittje, OT (RS); Travis Williams, RB.

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Quarterback Craig Burnett (left) and defensive tackle Jeff Knapton return to help make Wyoming a dangerous opponent.

Young and sophomore Ralph Martini will be waiting for their chance.

Edwards knows that it is imperative for one of those quarterbacks to take charge. The rest of the conference is catching up to the Cougars, who lost five games for the first time since 1975.

"The way San Diego State played last year, you have to be high on them to repeat," Edwards said. "UTEP has come along and has made great progress. It looks like a better balanced conference than we've had in the past. I expect us to be right in it again."

But not without some key questions being answered.

BYU's top three running backs are gone, so Edwards is taking a close look at his roster. He has moved Matt Bellini to halfback, and the former wide receiver showed breakaway ability in the spring. If senior Tom Tuipulotu can't return from the knee injury that forced him to miss the 1986 season, the Cougars will need junior redshirt Alema Harrington to come through at fullback.

David Miles returns to head a cast of talented but unproven receivers. That cast includes Chuck Cutler and Richard Zayas, who averaged 22 yards on his eight 1986 catches.

Four of the five starters return on the offensive line. Center Brian Rodoni has recovered from a brain cyst and will anchor another strong BYU offensive wall that also has guard John Borgia and tackle Brian White.

The defensive line suffered two big losses in Jason Buck and Shawn Knight, but noseguard David Futrell should anchor a front wall that could include Southern Methodist transfers David Bryan and Dominik Unger.

The linebacking corps should be a strength, starting with outside men Thor Salanoa and Richard Hobbs. Regan Hansen, J.C. VonColln and Andy Katoa all have starting experience on the inside. All-WAC cornerback Rodney Thomas and safety Troy Long anchor what could be a suspect secondary.

Placekicker Leonard Chitty returns after connecting on 16 of 21 field-goal attempts last year. Pat Thompson again will handle punting chores after averaging 41.5 yards.

When Bob Stull guided **Texas-El Paso** to a respectable 4-8 finish last season in his first year as the Miners' coach, it marked the first time since 1974 that a UTEP team had won four games. And included in the Miners' eight losses were close encounters against Air Force, New Mexico and San Diego State. They finished 2-6 in the WAC, but easily could have been 5-3.

That's why many WAC observers think Stull's Miners may be the surprise team this season. A third-place finish?

"Can we take third now and call it a season?" Stull joked in the spring. "Seriously, we should be better, but the biggest problem is going to be replacing our quarterback, Sammy Garza."

That could be tough because Garza threw for 3,140 yards and 21 touchdowns last year, but Stull believes he might have his man in junior college transfer Pat Hegarty. The Saddleback Junior College product threw for 2,438 yards and 19 touchdowns last season and also was named Orange County scholar-athlete of the year.

Junior tailback John Harvey could be Stull's biggest offensive weapon. He rushed for 878 yards and 11 touchdowns

last year and was second on the team in receiving with 44 catches for 361 yards. Junior Eddie Dixon is expected to step in and help the running game at fullback.

Wide receivers Harold Collins and Barry Parker, who combined to catch 79 passes for 1,269 yards and seven touchdowns last season, return, but the offensive line is not as well fortified. A center and a tackle will have to be found to join returning guards James Spady and Sean Kugler and tackle Clint Riley.

Arnie Adkison, who also punts, caught 30 passes for 373 yards as a backup tight end last year.

UTEP's defense allowed an average of 32.7 points per game last year and ranked seventh in the WAC. It should be better in 1987.

Four starters, led by end Joe Terry, return to the defensive line. Inside man Doug Morgan is the best of an inexperienced linebacking corps while Richie Wright and Terry Walker will be the leaders in UTEP's secondary.

Placekickers Hugo Castellanos and Chris Jacke, who hit 11 of 16 field-goal attempts last year, will fight for top billing and Luther Johnson returns as one of the premier return specialists in the nation.

Air Force finished with a disappointing 6-5 record last year, but the Falcons were the only team to beat San Diego State.

It could be another tough year for Fisher DeBerry's team. Just when his offense gets some experience, his defense loses nine starters.

"We'll be a very young football team this year," DeBerry said. "We'll play a lot of sophomores and juniors."

Not only are the Falcons young but, judging by spring practice, they're injury-prone, too. Six players required knee surgery, one had to undergo a shoulder operation and one player broke a finger during the intense spring drills.

DeBerry's tricky wishbone attack depends on a crafty quarterback, a missing ingredient at Colorado Springs since the graduation of Bart Weiss two years ago. Last year's starter, Jim Tomallo, decided to give up football, so sophomores Steve Letnich and Dee Dowis battled it out in the spring game with Letnich apparently winning the job.

Injuries kept running backs Albert Booker and Len Blanchard from practicing in the spring and Greg Johnson, who showed promise at halfback in early drills, missed the spring game because of a shoulder injury. Sophomore halfback Robert Krause is the only starter back from a year ago, and he gained just 178 yards. Senior fullback Quinton Roberts saw a lot of work in the spring because of all the injuries.

DeBerry was confident enough with his returning offensive linemen that he

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moved starting center Blake Gettys to defensive tackle. Pat McNelis will center an offensive line that has two other starters returning—tackle Jeff Johnson and guard Greg Myers.

Receivers don't get much work in the wishbone, but Greg Cochran, Tyler Barth and Tim Abel will be the chief pass threats.

All-America candidate Chad Hennings is the defensive leader. The All-WAC first-teamer is the strongest player in Academy history. He power lifts more than 1,300 pounds, runs the 40 in 4.7 seconds and has a 32-inch vertical leap. Not bad for a 6-5, 260-pounder.

Noseguard John Steed also is back, so Hennings won't be alone. But the rest of the defense will be manned by Cadets getting on-the-job training. Linebacker Rip Burgwald could be dominating.

Punter Mark Simon, who led the WAC last season, is gone. Placekicker Chris Blasy likely will do the punting and could double as the kicker. But Mike Johnson (10 of 11 on field goals) also is back.

Utah finished a disappointing 2-9 last season after many picked Jim Fassel's team to challenge for the championship. The coach blamed injuries and bad luck, but then dismissed his defensive coordinator.

Fassel's defenses never have been able to keep pace with his offenses and that was really apparent last season. His 1986 offense averaged 426 yards per game, the eighth-best figure in the nation. But defensively, the Utes allowed 495 yards per game, prompting the hiring of Tom Gadd and the installation of a new 4-3. With six defensive starters returning, Gadd will try to improve a unit that finished last in the nation in total defense.

End Tika Manu will lead the Utes' defensive wall, but strong safety Mike Jones' status is in doubt because of a concussion he suffered during spring practice. Jones was granted a hardship season because of a 1986 ankle injury. If healthy, he joins returnees Leo Austin, Clarence Fields and Eric Wheelwright in what should be a strong secondary.

Just three starters return on offense, but one of them is Eddie Johnson, the WAC's second-leading rusher (1,046 yards) and 24th nationally with a 95.1-yard-per-game average. The 5-8, 175-pound scatback was an All-WAC selection last year.

The Utes suffered a big loss in the spring when senior fullback Bryan Bero underwent knee surgery.

Johnson will be running behind an inexperienced offensive line that returns just one starter—guard John New. Curt Jones will be joined by Southern Methodist transfer Vince Jenkins at tight end.

Utes basketball star Albert Springs is trying to make the big jump to football. If he does, he will play wide receiver, a position hurt by the loss of Loren Richey.

Redshirt freshman Scott Mitchell and senior Chris Mendonca will try to replace record-setting quarterback Larry Egger, who spent much of the 1986 season on the bench with injuries.

Wyoming could be the WAC's mystery team. With 15 starters (seven on offense and eight on defense) returning from a team that finished 6-6 last year, the Cowboys have the most experienced starting unit. But they also have a new coach, Paul Roach, who took over when Dennis Erickson decided to take the Washington State job.

Roach, who also will serve as Wyoming's athletic director, is the Cowboys' third coach in three years. He returns after having served as offensive coordinator at Wyoming in the late 1960s.

Wyoming's offense, which broke 30 school records last season, will be led by junior quarterback Craig Burnett, who passed for 1,242 yards and 13 touchdowns despite playing only four games because of injury. He completed 60 percent of his passes and was intercepted just three times in the Cowboys' quick-firing passing offense that finished second in the nation. If something should happen to Burnett, Scott Runyan, who threw for 1,651 yards and 12 touchdowns when Burnett was sidelined, will be available.

The rest of the backfield is experienced, too, with returnees Peter Gunn at tailback and Gerald Abraham and Steve Bena at fullback. Flanker James Loving, split ends Anthony Sargent and Eric Loftus and tight end Bill Hoffman make up a top-notch receiving corps. Sargent, the WAC's newcomer of the year after catching 47 passes last season, had off-season shoulder surgery but is expected to be ready by fall.

The Cowboys have all that skill-position talent, but return just two offensive linemen. Steve Slay returns at one tackle slot with Shawn Wehrer slated to play guard.

Defensive coordinator Del Wight has potential all-conference players in strong-side linebacker Scott Hanser, middle backer Galand Thaxton and weak-side backer Mike Schenbeck. Thaxton (knee surgery) and Schenbeck (neck strain) missed valuable time in the spring, but they're proven, big-time players.

Two starters return on the offensive line—end Keith Jackson and tackle Jeff Knapton, who led the team with nine sacks and was second in defensive points to Thaxton.

The secondary, with safeties Mike Hill, Daryl Harris and Steve Clayton and cornerback Reggie Berry, should be active and solid.

Placekicker Greg Worker (10 of 17 field-goal attempts) is back, as are punters Tom Kilpatrick, who acts as the backup tight end, and reserve quarterback Runyan.

Colorado State had the 1986 WAC title at the tip of its fingers last year but let it

slip away in the last minute of its game with San Diego State. After taking a 26-21 lead with just over a minute to play, the Rams allowed the Aztecs to march for the winning touchdown.

"When we recovered that fumble and got the field goal to go ahead 26-21 with 1:15 left, I don't think I ever was higher in my life," Coach Leon Fuller said. "But when they scored, I don't think I ever was lower in my life. We had a tough time recovering. It was an important game for us, and losing it the way we did hurt us mentally as far as confidence."

Now Fuller must rebuild this year's team with just four returning starters on both offense and defense.

The WAC's all-time leading rusher, Steve Bartalo, is gone, as is quarterback Kelly Stouffer, who started for three seasons.

Fuller will try to reconstruct an offense around a fine receiving corps that includes Todd Tyrrell, Sanjay Beach, J.D. Brookhart and Dewey Dorough. The spring quarterback battle came down to junior Jim Pedersen and junior college transfer Scooter Molander. The offensive line will be anchored by tackles Todd Eakes, Dennis Kling, a transfer from Colorado, and Doug Fiala, who is expected to return from the ankle injury that sidelined him last year.

The Rams defense will be headed by inside linebacker Pete Pavlakis and weak safety Ron Cortell, the only returning starter in the backfield.

New Mexico's Mike Sheppard is another in the long line of new WAC coaches, replacing Joe Lee Dunn. Like Roach at Wyoming, Sheppard inherits a veteran team.

But the Lobos went 4-8 last year and don't figure to make an immediate turnaround. Quarterback Ned James, the WAC leader last season in passing efficiency, is gone. Junior college transfer James Stewart, expected to provide much-needed help at running back, suffered ligament damage to a knee during spring practice and lost valuable time.

Sheppard will have to find a quarterback, and Barry Garrison was running No. 1 in the spring. But Phil Maloof and Wichita State transfer Jarrod Mendenhall will have something to say about that in the fall. The quarterback will get good support from receivers Terance Mathis and Pat Capatolla and running back Shane Hall. Mathis is an All-WAC performer who caught 55 passes for a conference-leading 955 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Linebackers Kirk Allen, a transfer from Wichita State, and Donny Gassoway are the best players on a defense that will try to improve on its 104th national ranking last season. That's 104th out of 105, with only Utah rating below the Lobos. ■

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dence to be able to compete with every team we face."

If nothing else, the Green Wave should be fun to watch on offense. Junior Terrence Jones is emerging as one of the South's finest quarterbacks. He finished eighth in Division I-A in total offense last season, passing for 2,124 yards and running for 547.

His favorite target again will be high school teammate Marc Zeno, who already owns every game, season and career record at Tulane in both receiving and receiving yardage. He topped the 1,000-yard mark for the second season in a row last fall with 68 catches for 1,033 yards.

The supporting cast on offense includes tight end Chuck Gorman, tackle Andre Lockley, fullback Rodney Hunter and versatile tailback Marvin Allen.

Once again, the big question mark is defense. The Green Wave yielded 30.4 points and 405.6 yards per game last season. The top three tacklers from that unit—safety Thurston Harrison and linebackers Richard Harvey and Troy Wetzel—are all back, but the Green Wave lacks experience up front and in the secondary.

There is no truth to the rumor that **Tulsa** will be renamed "Springboard U." It's just that the Golden Hurricane seems to change coaches almost as often as most people celebrate their birthday.

Three years ago, John Cooper left Tulsa for Arizona State. He was replaced by Don Morton, who stayed for two seasons and left for Wisconsin. Which brings us to the Golden Hurricane's third coach in the last four seasons—George Henshaw, formerly an assistant at Alabama.

Surprisingly, Henshaw didn't take one look at the schedule and head for the nearest exit. Tulsa's first four games are at Oklahoma State, Florida and Arkansas and then at home against Oklahoma. Does anyone in the country have a tougher opening foursome?

After years of dominating the Missouri Valley Conference, Tulsa fared quite nicely last year as an independent, going 7-4. But after years of running the veer offense, the Golden Hurricane will switch to the pro-set.

Henshaw's first task will be finding a quarterback suited to the forward pass. Sophomore Marcus McVay is the front-runner in that race. Henshaw already has a proven running back in Derrick Ellison and a pro prospect in split end Ronnie Kelley.

The defensive front, headed by tackle Dennis Byrd and end Donnie Dee, should be solid. But the secondary was wiped out by graduation; newcomers could make important contributions there.

Good things have come two by two at **East Carolina**, but since Coach Art Baker is in the business of building a football program, not an ark, there is cause

NAVY

Coach: Elliot Uzelac (first year at Naval Academy; 38-39 overall, 8 years).

1986 Record: 3-8.

Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Enoch Blazis, MG; Bill Byrne, QB; Tom Doman, LB; Marc Firlie, DB; John Fuller, DE; Greg Gephart, OT; Mike Herron, DB; Mark Klefer, DB (transfer/James Madison); Vince McBeth, LB; John McKenna, FB; Bob Plantz, DT; Mike Ray, FL; Jon Sniffen, TE; Greg Stefanon, DB; Vic Tuttle, C; Kent VanHorn, DT; Chad VanHulzen, DE.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Bruce Bennett, T, 6-4/253, Sr.; Joe Brennan, G, 6-4/275, Sr.; Brian McGoldrick, G, 6-4/264, Jr.; Troy Saunders, SE, 6-0/190, Sr.; Chuck Smith, HB, 5-10/194, Sr. **Defense:** None.

Key Returnees: Curtis Brown, FB, Sr.; Tim Brunn, OT, Sr.; Troy Holland, DT, Jr.; Curtis Irby, DB, Sr.; David Lowe, LB, Soph.; Mike Marchildon, DB, Sr.; Andy Mueck, P, Sr.; Mike Musser, DT, Sr.; Clark Nichols, MG, Jr.; John Nobers, QB, Sr.; Mark Pimplo, LB, Jr.; Clay Stackhouse, FL, Soph. (injured shoulder in spring).

PENN STATE

Coach: Joe Paterno (199-44-2, 21 years). **1986 Record:** 11-0.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Duffy Cobbs, CB; Shane Conlan, LB; Chris Conlin, OT; D.J. Dozier, LB; Don Graham, LB; Eric Hamilton, WR; Ray Isom, S; Tim Johnson, DT; Tim Manoa, FB; Dan Morgan, OT; Keith Radecki, C; Mike Russo, NG; John Shaffer, QB; Steve Smith, FB; Bob White, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (3): Stan Clayton, T, 6-3/265, Sr.; Ray Roundtree, WR, 6-0/180, Sr.; Steve Wisniewski, G, 6-4/260, Jr. **Defense (4):** Trey Bauer, LB, 6-1/215, Sr.; Pete Giffopoulos, LB, 6-3/233, Sr.; Marques Henderson, S, 5-9/190, Sr.; Eddie Johnson, CB, 5-10/164, Jr.

Key Returnees: Sean Barowski, FB, Soph.; Brian Chizmar, S, Soph.; Jim Coates, FL, Sr.; Pete Curkendall, DT, Sr.; Dwayne Downing, CB, Sr.; Mitch Frerotte, OG/OT, Sr. (RS/foot); Scott Gob, LB, Jr.; Matt Johnson, NT, Sr.; Keith Karpinski, LB, Sr.; Matt Knizner, QB, Sr.; Rich Kuz, OG, Sr.; Quintus McDonald, LB, Jr.; Sherrod Rainge, S, Soph.; Mark Sickler, OT, Sr.; Dave Scott, OG, Soph.; Blair Thomas, TB, Jr.; Chris Thorpe, TB, Soph.; Michael Timpson, FL, Jr. (RS/shoulder); Gary Wilkerson, CB, Jr.; Odeil Wilson, TB, Jr.; Mike Wolf, C, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Tom Bill, QB (RS); Geoff Japchen, LB (RS);

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach: Jerry Pettibone (6-16, 2 years). **1986 Record:** 2-9.

Offense: Wishbone. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Dave Gust, OT; Mike Kent, P; Steve Kmiec, S; Mike McKenna, DE; Todd Peat, OG; Vernon Sims, DE; Clarence Vaughn, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Antonio Davis, FB, 5-11/187, Jr.; Virgil Gerin, SE, 5-11/169, Sr.; Dan Graham, C, 6-3/246, Sr.; Ted Karamanos, G, 6-2/260, Sr.; Bob Montel, T, 6-2/240, Jr.; Marshall Taylor, QB, 5-8/179, Jr.; Rodney Taylor, HB, 5-8/161, Jr. **Defense (4):** Mike Hollingshed, S, 5-11/194, Sr.; Mike Manson, LB, 6-2/200, Jr.; Tony Savagnago, LB, 6-1/216, Sr.; Rufus Taylor, CB, 6-0/178, Soph.

Key Returnees: Phil Bucaro, DT, Soph.; Kevin Frazier, DT, Sr.; Reggie Harris, DT, Sr.; Greg Heidel, OT, Soph.; Ted Hennings, DE, Soph.; Keith Hurley, RB, Sr.; Kent Iwema, TE, Sr.; Phil McNally, OG, Jr.; Darren Monnett, P, Sr.; Eric Nelson, K, Soph.; Drake Shead, HB, Jr.; Dan Smaha, OG, Soph.; Randall Townsel, CB, Jr.; Brett Tucker, CB, Soph. (RS/medical); Eric Wenckowski, C, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Cary Caliendo, DE (RS); Scott Elliot, OT (RS); Eric Fiene, OG (RS); Chris Norman, CB (RS).

PITTSBURGH

Coach: Mike Gottfried (5-5-1, 1 year; 54-44-4, 9 years).

1986 Record: 5-5-1.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 4-3.

Key Losses: Steve Apke, LB; Tom Brown, FB; John Congemi, QB; Randy Dixon, OT; Walter Johnson, DT; Tony Woods, DE.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Chip Backauskas, C, 6-1/263, Sr.; Bill Cherpak, G, 6-4/268, Soph.; Hosea Heard, WR, 6-2/170, Soph.; Craig Heyward, FB, 6-0/260, Jr.; Billy Osborn, WR, 6-0/190, Jr.; Tom Ricketts, T, 6-5/275, Jr.; Mark Stepnoski, G, 6-3/265, Jr.; Michael Stewart, WR, 6-4/201, Sr. **Defense (8):** Teryl Austin, S, 6-2/190, Sr.; Burt Grossman, E, 6-5/240, Jr.; Quintin Jones, CB, 6-0/185, Sr.; Jerry Olsavsky, LB, 6-2/212, Jr.; Billy Owens, S, 6-2/195, Sr.; Gary Richard, CB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Tony Siragusa, T, 6-5/255, Jr. (injured knee in spring); Darrel Woods, LB, 6-3/210, Jr. (missed spring/shoulder).

Key Returnees: Jon Carter, DE, Sr.; Joe Felitsky, QB, Sr.; Sam Genilla, QB, Sr.; Charles Gladman, RB, Sr.; Chris Goetz, OT, Soph.; Ed Miller, C, Sr.; Reggie Williams, WR, Soph. (RS/medical).

Top Newcomers: Danny Boyd, RB; Jeff Christy, LB; Darnell Dickerson, QB; Louis Riddick, DB; Marc Spindler, DL; Larry Wanke, QB (RS); Yusuf Washington, QB.

NOTRE DAME

Coach: Lou Holtz (5-6, 1 year; 121-72-5 overall, 17 years).

1986 Record: 5-6.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Robert Banks, DT; Steve Beuerlein, QB; John Carney, K; Wally Kleine, DT; Mike Kovaleski, LB; Steve Lawrence, S.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Tim Brown, FL, 6-0/195, Sr.; Tom Freeman, G, 6-4/265, Sr.; Mark Green, TB, 5-11/181, Jr.; Chuck Lanza, C, 6-2/270, Sr.; Tom Rehder, T, 6-7/263, Sr.; Byron Spruill, T, 6-4/279, Sr.; Pernell Taylor, FB, 5-11/218, Sr. **Defense (4):** Cedric Figaro, LB, 6-3/248, Sr. (suspended in spring, expected to return in fall); Mike Griffin, T, 6-4/246, Sr. (missed spring/back); Marv Spence, CB, 5-10/179, Sr.; Brandy Wells, S/CB, 6-0/186, Sr.

Key Returnees: Jeff Alm, DT, Soph.; Terry Andrysiak, QB, Sr.; Braxton Banks, FB, Soph.; Ted FitzGerald, DT, Soph.; Andy Heck, TE, Jr.; Alonzo Jefferson, TB, Sr.; Anthony Johnson, FB, Soph.; Alvin Miller, WR, Sr. (RS/knee); Stan Smagala, CB, Soph.; Frank Stams, LB, Jr. (RS/medical; switched from FB); Mike Stonebreaker, LB, Soph.; George Streeter, S, Jr.; Reggie Ward, WR, Sr.

Top Newcomers: John Foley, LB; Kent Graham, QB; Frank Jacobs, TE; Tony Rice, QB; Ricky Watters, RB; Rod West, LB (RS).

RUTGERS

Coach: Dick Anderson (14-16-2, 3 years).

1986 Record: 5-5-1.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Matt Bachman, LB; Mike Dillon, C; Lee Getz, OG; Doug Kokoskie, DT (suffered knee injury in spring); Luis Moro, S; Matt Prescott, RB (knee injury); Tyrone Stowe, LB; Harry Swayne, DT.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Bruce Campbell, TE, 6-4/225, Sr.; Brian Cobb, FL, 6-0/180, Sr.; Scott Erney, QB, 6-2/190, Soph.; John Kutz, G, 6-4/245, Jr. (switched from OT); Curtis Stephens, RB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Doug Strickland, G, 6-3/245, Jr.; Eric Young, SE, 5-8/165, Jr. **Defense (5):** Jean Austin, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Derek Baker, S, 6-1/200, Jr.; George Bankos, T, 6-4/270, Jr.; Alec Hoke, E, 6-3/235, Sr.; Sean Washington, CB, 5-11/190, Sr.

Key Returnees: Chris Coyle, OT, Jr. (RS/medical); Tom Duffy, LB/DE, Sr. (injured knee in spring); Chris Evans, LB, Jr.; Doug Giesler, K, Soph.; Carter Giles, DT, Soph.; Dwight Giles, RB, Soph.; Jeff Haskins, DE, Soph. (RS/medical); Henry Henderson, RB, Soph. (RS/medical); Scott Miller, DT, Soph.; Matt O'Connell, P, Jr.; Steve Tardy, OT, Jr.; Pat Udovich, LB, Soph.; Nick Urda, C, Soph.

Top Newcomer: Brett Mersola, WR (JC).

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Coach: Joe Morrison (23-20-2, 4 years; 85-64-7 overall, 14 years).

1986 Record: 3-6-2.

Offense: Run and Shoot. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Fitzgerald Davis, DT; Chris Major, CB; Willie McIntee, DE; Anthony Smith, RB.

Starters Returning: Offense (9): Ryan Bethea, WR, 6-3/208, Jr.; Todd Ellis, QB, 6-3/203, Soph.; Mark Fryer, T, 6-4/244, Soph.; Charlie Gowan, T, 6-4/250, Jr.; Vic McConnell, WR, 6-1/204, Soph.; Woody Myers, C, 6-5/260, Sr.; Sterling Sharpe, WB, 6-1/196, Sr.; Paul Shivers, G, 6-3/245, Jr.; Kevin White, WB, 5-11/203, Sr. **Defense (7):** Brad Edwards, S, 6-2/200, Sr.; Derrick Frazier, E, 6-3/255, Sr.; Roy Hart, NG, 6-0/245, Sr.; Kevin Hendrix, E, 6-3/247, Jr.; Derrick Little, LB, 6-4/230, Jr.; Greg Philpot, S, 5-11/183, Sr.; Robert Robinson, CB, 5-11/180, Jr.

Key Returnees: Hardin Brown, WB, Jr.; Shed Diggs, LB, Sr.; Harold Green, RB, Soph.; David Hodge, DE, Soph. (RS/ankle); Brendan McCormack, NG, Sr.; Matt McKernan, LB, Jr.; David Poinsett, OT, Sr.; Buddy Quarles, OT, Jr.; Ken Sally, S, Jr.; Kurt Wilson, DT, Soph.; Zip Zanders, LB, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Mike Armstrong, DT (RS); Mike Dingle, RB; Collin Mackie, C; Eddie Miller, WR; Marvin Oglesby, LB; Calvin Stephens, OG (RS).

SYRACUSE

Coach: Dick MacPherson (30-36-1, 6 years; 75-63-2 overall, 13 years).

1986 Record: 5-6.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Wes Dove, DT; Tim Pidgeon, LB; Scott Schwedes, WR.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Robert Drummond, RB, 6-2/204, Jr.; Daryl Johnston, FB, 6-1/238, Jr.; Tommy Kane, WR, 5-11/178, Jr.; Pat Kelly, TE, 6-6/239, Sr.; Don McPherson, QB, 6-0/182, Sr.; Craig Stoepel, T, 6-4/300, Jr. **Defense (7):** John Dominic, T, 6-2/255, Sr.; Paul Frase, T, 6-5/260, Sr.; Chris Ingram, CB, 5-10/178, Jr.; Jeff Mangram, S, 5-11/179, Jr.; Markus Paul, S, 6-2/200, Jr.; Derek Ward, LB, 6-0/231, Sr.; Terry Wooden, LB, 6-2/225, Soph.

Key Returnees: Byron Abraham, RB, Sr.; Chris Barnes, FB, Sr.; David Bavaio, LB, Soph.; Blake Bednarz, OG, Soph.; Keith Frisberg, LB, Jr.; Bobby Fuller, OG, Soph.; John Garrett, C, Sr.; Deval Glover, WR, Jr.; Ted Gregory, NG, Sr. (missed nine games in 1986); David Holmes, CB, Jr.; William Pennyfeather, WR, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Eric Baumgardner, OG (RS); Mike Bernard, OT (RS); John Flannery, OG (RS); Alain Greer, NG (JC); Rush Hodgins, OT (RS); Veryl Miller, C (RS); Chris Parks, OL (JC).

TULSA

Coach: George Henshaw (first year at Tulsa). **1986 Record:** 7-4.

Offense: Pro-Set. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: David Alexander, OG; Eric Brown, FL; Tony Buford, LB; Stan Fields, C; Steve Gage, QB; Tim Gordon, CB; Richie Stephenson, S; Xavier Warren, LB; Charles Wright, CB.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Chad Craig, T, 6-7/270, Sr.; Derrick Ellison, RB, 5-9/172, Jr.; Steve Hegdale, T, 6-5/280, Sr. (injured knee in spring); Ronnie Kelley, SE, 6-0/190, Sr.; Kenneth Lee, RB, 5-9/185, Soph.; Kyle Litterell, C, 6-2/245, Jr. **Defense (7):** Anthony Brown, NG, 6-2/225, Jr.; John Brown, LB, 6-0/212, Sr.; Dennis Byrd, T, 6-4/248, Jr. (missed much of spring/knee); Donnie Dee, E, 6-4/240, Sr.; Doug Desherow, LB, 6-2/195, Sr. (switched from S); Scott Estes, T, 6-3/243, Sr.; David Haynes, LB, 6-0/206, Sr.

Key Returnees: John Chargios, NG, Soph.; Chris Cottman, DT, Soph.; Erick Harrison, WR, Jr.; Earl Johnson, TE, Jr. (switched from TE); Marcus McVay, FL, Soph. (switched from QB); Mickey Price, S, Soph.

Top Newcomers: Dan Bitson, WR (RS); Frank Cassano, QB (RS); Lee Durham, DE (RS); Darrell Ellison, LB (JC); Don Maloney, RB (transfer/Oklahoma); Cobby Morrison, FB (transfer/SMU); T.J. Rubley, QB; Roderick Wilson, DB (transfer/SMU).

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Coach: Jim Carmody (31-24, 5 years).

1986 Record: 6-5.

Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Vincent Alexander, TB; Lyneal Alston, FL; Andrew Anderson, QB; Rex Banks, K; Randolph Brown, FB; Collins Hess, S; Andrew Mott, SE; Tim Smith, S.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Jim Ferrell, C, 6-4/270, Sr.; Pat Ferrell, T, 6-4/267, Sr.; Tim Hallman, G, 6-3/250, Sr.; Carlos Powell, TE, 6-2/216, Sr.; Jay Sherron, G, 6-3/258, Sr.; Rick Slater, T, 6-6/240, Sr. **Defense (8):** Steve Brown, E, 6-2/198, Jr.; Sidney Coleman, LB, 6-1/237, Sr.; Larry Davis, NG, 6-3/242, Jr.; Onesimus Henry, LB, 5-11/212, Sr.; Pat Jackson, E, 6-1/208, Soph.; Jonathan Robertson, CB, 5-10/184, Jr.; Vincent Rollins, S, 6-1/196, Jr.; Ulysses Slaughter, T, 6-1/260, Jr.

Key Returnees: John Baylor, CB, Sr.; Darryl Colona, OT, Sr.; Shelton Gandy, TB, Jr.; Preston Hansford, TE, Soph.; Carl Jones, FB, Sr.; Billy Knighten, P, Sr.; Chris McGee, FL, Sr.; Boobie Nathan, TB, Jr.; Maurice Oliver, DE, Jr.; Robbie Weeks, SE, Jr. (broke leg in spring); Darrell Williams, S, Sr.; Alrick Young, QB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Mike Bell, TE; J.B. Coleman, DB; Anthony Harris, WR; Pat Henderson, DL; Michael Jackson, QB; Rod Lynch, LB; Billy Mathis, TE; Chris Ryals, OL; Jay Stokes, QB; Perry Thrasher, OL.

TEMPLE

Coach: Bruce Arians (20-24, 4 years).

1986 Record: 6-5.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Larry Brewton, CB; Steve Domonowski, LB; Pervis Herder, LB; Willie Marshall, WR; Paul Palmer, RB; Shelley Poole, FB; Lee Saltz, QB; Terry Wright, CB.

Starters Returning: Offense (7): Pete Bernard, G, 6-3/265, Sr.; Keith Gloster, WR, 5-11/165, Sr.; Michael Hinnant, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; Carl Holmes, T, 6-6/275, Sr.; John Incollingo, C, 6-2/280, Sr.; Kevin Jones, T, 6-4/265, Sr.; Chris Possenti, G, 6-5/260, Sr. **Defense (5):** Lance Chisholm, LB, 6-1/200, Sr.; Kirk Drukenbrod, E, 6-1/235, Sr.; Andy Pappalardo, E, 6-4/255, Jr.; Eddie Parker, S, 5-11/186, Sr.; Rodney Walker, T, 6-1/250, Sr.

Key Returnees: Keith Dembo, OG, Sr.; Andy Garzynski, WR, Sr.; Joe Greenwood, CB, Jr.; Victor Lay, QB, Soph. (missed much of spring/torn Achilles tendon); Ed Liberati, P, Soph.; Todd McNair, RB, Jr.; Sheldon Morris, FB, Sr.; Joe Possenti, LB, Sr.; Toren Schonyers, LB, Sr.; Loranzo Square, LB, Soph.; Ventres Stevenson, RB, Soph.; Mike Swanson, DT, Sr.; James Thompson, QB, Sr.; Bill Wright, K, Jr.

Top Newcomers: Charles Cole, DB/RB; Richard Drayton, WR; Scott McNair, RB; Gary Mobley, DB (RS); Cornell Washington, DE (JC).

VIRGINIA TECH

Coach: Frank Beamer (first year at Virginia Tech).

1986 Record: 8-2-1.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Wide Tackle Six.

Key Losses: Paul Nelson, LB; Morgan Roane, DE; Donald Wayne Snell, WR; Curtis Taliaferro, DE; Mark Webb, NG; Maurice Williams, TB.

Starters Returning: Offense (5): Erik Chapman, QB, 6-0/197, Sr.; David Everett, FL, 6-3/202, Sr.; Steve Johnson, TE, 6-6/240, Sr.; Earnie Jones, FB, 5-9/210, Sr.; Kevin Keeffe, OG, 6-1/260, Sr. **Defense (5):** Jamel Agency, LB, 5-11/213, Sr.; Sean Lucas, LB, 6-1/195, Soph. (switched from S); Billy Myers, CB, 5-10/187, Sr.; Scott Rice, CB, 6-0/194, Soph.; Carter Wiley, S, 6-2/210, Sr.

Key Returnees: Tyrone Branch, WR, Jr.; Randy Cockrell, LB, Soph.; Greg Drew, NG, Sr.; Rodney Good, OT, Sr.; Todd Grantham, OT, Jr.; Scott Hill, DT, Soph.; Victor Jones, DE, Sr.; Chris Kinzer, K, Jr.; Horacio Moronta, DT, Jr.; Billy Myers, CB, Sr.; Eddie Neel, P/LB, Sr.; Scott Rice, CB, Soph.; Myron Richardson, WR, Soph.; Jeff Roberts, WR, Jr. (switched from QB); Lawrence White, LB, Sr. (missed spring/knee).

Top Newcomers: Ralph Brown, TB (RS); Lamar Smith, RB (RS); Glenn Watts, OG (RS); Jimmy Whitten, DE (RS); Rich Williams, DE (RS).

SOUTHWESTERN LA.

Coach: Nelson Stokely (6-5, 1 year).

1986 Record: 6-5.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Eight-man front.

Key Losses: Karl Bernard, RB; Benny Carey, NG; Joe DeForest, LB; Carl Isaac, DE; Steve Judice, LB; Elton Slater, CB; Dwayne Williams, RB.

Starters Returning: Offense (6): Tim Calcagno, T, 6-5/264, Sr.; Willie Culppepper, WR, 5-11/150, Jr.; Dennis Frederick, G, 6-1/260, Sr.; R.C. Mullin, T, 6-6/315, Sr.; Richard Pannell, QB, 6-2/193, Soph.; Cardell Randle, C, 6-1/255, Sr. **Defense (5):** Jim Brenner, LB, 6-1/202, Sr.; Chris Gannon, E, 6-5/250, Jr.; Randy Guidry, 6-0/226, Jr.; Theron Harrison, LB, 5-11/223, Jr.; Thomas King, S, Jr.

Key Returnees: Murray Atkins, WR, Jr. (switched from QB); Melvin Barber, TE, Jr.; Patrick Broussard, K, Sr.; Clint Campbell, QB, Sr.; Lamar Evans, LB, Soph.; Stanley Hall, DT, Sr.; Terrance Harrison, RB, Soph.; Jim Hollingsworth, LB, Soph.; Robert Johnson, DE, Jr.; Steve McKinney, FB, Jr.; Brian Mitchell, QB, Soph.; Felton Parquet, FB, Soph.; Joe Redding, WB, Jr.; William Sirmen, FB, Jr.; Buddy Still, P, Sr.; Patrick Taylor, CB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: P.D. Broussard, RB; Clifford Chaump, LB; Pat Decuir, DE; Mark Hall, DL (JC); Joe Harris, DL; Rudolph Pennimon, LB; Royce Starring, WR; Corey Williams, WR.

TULANE

Coach: Mack Brown (5-17, 2 years; 11-22 overall, 3 years).

1986 Record: 4-7.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** Multiple.

Key Losses: Larry Route, TE; Eric Thomas, CB.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Marvin Allen, TB, 5-10/207, Sr.; Tom Howley, T, 6-4/282, Sr.; Rodney Hunter, FB, 5-8/192, Jr.; Terrence Jones, QB, 6-1/207, Jr.; Andre Lockley, T, 6-6/284, Sr.; Maurice Nelson, FL, 5-9/151, Jr.; John Ripoli, G, 6-2/271, Jr.; Marc Zeno, WR, 6-3/198, Sr. **Defense (6):** Fred Davis, E, 6-4/235, Sr.; Thurston Harrison, S, 5-11/178, Jr.; Richard Harvey, LB, 6-2/224, Jr.; Richard Sauter, NG, 6-3/245, Soph.; Preston Washington, CB, 5-10/175, Jr.; Troy Wetzel, LB, 6-2/218, Sr.

Key Returnees: Melvin Adams, FB, Soph.; Mario Ballestrasse, FL, Sr.; Jim Bishop, OT/C, Jr.; Karl Chambers, DT, Sr.; Pat Cummins, C/OG, Soph.; Chuck Gorman, TE, Soph.; Chris Marshall, LB, Jr.; James McKinley, CB, Sr.; Michael Pierce, TB, Soph.; Tookie Spann, LB, Jr.; Reggie Sutton, TE, Sr.; Harrison Wenzel, DE, Sr.

Top Newcomers: Darron Davis, OL/DL; Al Dodd, OL; Brad Guidry, LB; Curtis Larry, TB; J.P. Martin, WR; Shawn Melancon, DL; Eric Racklin, S (JC); Mike Riley, DB; Deron Smith, QB; Pat Stant, LB; James Toney, WR.

WEST VIRGINIA

Coach: Don Nehlen (52-29-1, 7 years; 105-64-5 overall, 16 years).

1986 Record: 4-7.

Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 52.

Key Losses: Jeff Lucas, DT; Matt Smith, LB.

Starters Returning: Offense (8): Gary Basil, FB, 6-1/233, Sr. (switched from TE); Kevin Koken, C, 6-2/268, Jr.; Bob Kovach, G, 6-3/265, Jr.; Milton Redwine, T, 6-4/300, Jr.; Brian Smider, T, 6-4/290, Jr.; Harvey Smith, WR, 5-10/159, Sr.; John Talley, WR, 6-5/228, Sr.; Mike Timko, QB, 6-2/208, Sr. **Defense (7):** David Grant, MG, 6-4/271, Sr.; Brad Hunt, T, 6-2/274, Sr.; Eric Lester, LB, 6-1/218, Jr.; Dave Lockwood, CB, 5-11/177, Jr.; Robert Pickett, LB, 6-1/211, Jr.; Stacy Smith, CB, 5-11/190, Sr.; Darnell Warren, LB, 6-0/236, Soph.

Key Returnees: Mike Fox, DT, Soph.; Chris Haering, LB, Soph.; Undra Johnson, TB, Jr.; Jack Linn, OT, Soph.; Pat Marlatt, DT, Jr.; Bo Orlando, S, Jr.; Chris Parker, DT, Jr.; Rick Phillips, OT, Jr.; Pat Randolph, TB, Sr.; Ben Reed, QB, Sr.; John Stroia, OG, Jr.; Preston Waters, CB, Soph.; Darren Whitten, LB, Jr.

Top Newcomers: A.B. Brown, RB (transfer/Pitt); Theron Ellis, LB (RS); Major Harris, QB (RS); Ted Kester, LB (RS); Eugene Napoleon, RB (transfer/Pitt); Terry White, S (transfer/Ohio State).

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for concern in Greenville, N.C. The Pirates have won only two games in each of the last three seasons.

The Pirates, who face another rugged schedule, return nine defensive starters. Among the best are linebackers Bubba Waters and Vinson Smith and cornerback Ellis Dillahunt. But the rest of the secondary was weak last season, so look for such newcomers as junior college transfer Bryan Haywood and freshman Errol McConvey to push for playing time there.

On offense, East Carolina is set at the skill positions, led by 245-pound running back Anthony Simpson and quarterbacks Charlie Libretto and Travis Hunter. The offensive line is another matter because the Pirates must replace four starters. Many other starters for the Pirates last year were youngsters, so they should be better the second time around.

The faithful also may be growing impatient at Louisville, where the Cardinals have won only five games in two seasons under Coach Howard Schnellenberger.

In going 3-8 last season, Louisville was more competitive than in 1985 but had only one more victory to show for it. The defense, for example, yielded 126 fewer points in 1986 than it did the year before, but opponents still averaged 27.5 points per game.

Three key performers from that defen-

sive unit completed their eligibility, including two-time leading tackler Matt Battaglia at linebacker. Nonetheless, the Cardinals have a good one back in tackle Chris Thieneman as well as last year's second-leading tackler, linebacker Chris Sellars.

On the other side of the ball, the Cardinals have depth at running back, where junior Deon Booker is a budding star, but question marks at quarterback and in the receiving corps. Their hopes may turn on how well quarterback Jay Gruden bounces back from major knee surgery and how quickly 23 redshirt freshmen can contribute.

Redshirt freshmen also could make an impact at Syracuse, where Coach Dick MacPherson must rebuild his offensive line. Such youngsters as John Flannery, Rush Hodgins, Mike Bernard, Eric Baumgardner and Veryl Miller could play important roles for the Orangemen this fall.

All-time Syracuse receiving leader Scott Schwedes has left, but quarterback Don McPherson gives the Orange a versatile athlete who can score from anywhere on the field. McPherson passed for 1,827 yards and rushed for 523 a year ago.

The Orange should get additional offensive production from fullback Daryl Johnston, running back Robert Drummond, wide receiver Tommy Kane and place-

kicker Tim Vesling.

The defensive line looks strong with tackles Paul Frase and John Dominic back and the return of noseguard Ted Gregory, who missed most of last season with a leg injury. Junior safety Markus Paul anchors the secondary. The line-backing might be suspect, though.

If Rutgers can shore up some holes at inside linebacker and the offensive line, the Scarlet Knights should continue their return to respectability. After stumbling to a 2-8-1 record in '85, Rutgers broke even last year (5-5-1).

Seven offensive starters return from the '86 squad, with most of the depth showing at the skill positions. Running back Curtis Stephens, tight end Bruce Campbell, flanker Brian Cobb and quarterback Scott Erney should figure prominently. Tackle Steve Tardy and center Nick Urda are among the leading candidates for the three vacancies on the offensive line.

Cornerback Jean Austin and 270-pound tackle George Bankos head the defensive unit, but the Scarlet Knights must replace a good pair of inside linebackers, Tyrone Stowe and Matt Bachman.

At Memphis State, the entire starting unit returns on offense. That may be a

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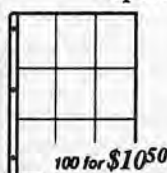
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blessing or a curse considering the Tigers' 1-10 record last season in Coach Charlie Bailey's first year.

The offensive line isn't lacking in size. But the best man up front—6-3, 255-pound center Ted Gatewood—also is the smallest. Two big ones—6-9, 300-pound tackle Tim Borcky and 6-5, 272-pound guard Scott Dill—will open some holes, too.

Five returning starters at offensive skill positions were freshmen last season. Such youngsters as quarterback Tim Jones and fullback Wayne Pryor should benefit from a year's experience under fire.

Safety Ron Palmer heads a defensive backfield that returns intact. But the Tigers need help on the defensive line and at linebacker.

Bailey signed no less than 15 linemen during recruiting season. Junior college transfer Jon Tabler, a linebacker, and Wichita State transfers Tony Manning (noseguard) and Randall Cooper (defensive back) should provide instant help.

After leaving the Mid-American Conference, **Northern Illinois** found life as a major independent no picnic. The Huskies finished 2-9 in 1986.

At least the Huskies showed they could move the ball, averaging 361 yards in total offense over their final five games. Look for more of the same this fall even though standout guard Todd Peat has completed his eligibility. Nine starters return in Coach Jerry Pettibone's wishbone offense, including senior guard Ted Karamanos and junior halfback Rodney Taylor. Taylor totaled 1,272 all-purpose yards last season, while Karamanos is being touted for All-America honors.

"You're talking the same caliber as Todd Peat," said Pettibone, who again will put 5-8 junior Marshall Taylor, a two-year starter, behind center.

The situation is less settled on defense, where only five starters return. The Huskies plan to stick with the 4-4 alignment, which they adopted last year due to injuries.

Coach Elliot Uzelac, a former Michigan assistant, is new at **Navy**. And so is the entire Navy defense. That's right, not one defensive starter returns from last year's 3-8 club.

Tackles Troy Holland and Mike Musser, linebackers Mark Pimpo and David Lowe and defensive backs Mike Marchildon and Curtis Irby should answer Uzelac's help-wanted plea.

Things are a bit less worrisome on offense, where five starters return, including guards Joe Brennan and Brian McGoldrick. Speedy halfback/return specialist Chuck Smith, who rushed for 933 yards in nine games last fall, and split end Troy Saunders should help the Midshipmen score some points. But Uzelac must find a quarterback to run the Middies' new wishbone offense.

Southern Mississippi Coach Jim Carmody hopes there's truth to the

maxim that it's what's up front that counts. The Golden Eagles return their entire offensive line intact, but five of six starters at the skill positions are gone.

Junior Ailrick Young is expected to replace Andrew Anderson at quarterback. Tailback Shelton Gandy, who rushed for 419 yards and led Southern Miss in scoring with 10 touchdowns, will join Young in the all-new backfield. Tackle Pat Ferrell anchors the Golden Eagles' experienced line.

Like the offense, the defense should be solid up front with four of last year's top five tacklers returning, including linebackers Sidney Coleman and Onesimus Henry and tackle Ulysses Slaughter. The secondary, however, is thin.

When it came to quarterbacks, **Southwestern Louisiana** doubled its pleasure last year with a pair of talented freshmen. Richard Pannell passed for 989 yards and rushed for 226; Brian Mitchell passed for 574 and rushed for 514.

The result was a 6-5 record, a two-game improvement over the previous season. Three of the Ragin' Cajuns' losses came by a total of five points.

So, why mess with a good thing? Coach Nelson Stokley enters his second season at Southwestern Louisiana planning to find playing time for both Pannell and Mitchell.

"Both of them can play for us and win, and our players feel that both of them can win," Stokley said.

Whoever is at quarterback, look for Willie Culpepper to see plenty of balls thrown his way. He led the Ragin' Cajuns with 30 catches for 651 yards last year.

Tackle Tim Calcagno heads a veteran offensive line. On defense, end Chris Gannon is being touted for postseason laurels even though he is coming off an injury-plagued sophomore year. Placekicker Patrick Broussard is dependable when the offense sputters in front of the goal line.

One I-A independent, **Wichita State**, has dropped football. But **Akron** has moved up to I-A status from I-AA under Coach Gerry Faust.

Competing in the Ohio Valley Conference last season, the Zips went 7-4, losing their final two games by a total of four points. Now that they are a major independent, the Zips have upgraded their schedule this year. None of the opponents is a power, but seven I-A teams are on this year's schedule, compared with two last season.

The Zips must make the jump without Akron's all-time leading rusher, Mike Clark, and passer, Vernon Stewart. All told, Faust must replace seven starters on offense. The defense, led by backs Gary Tyler and Robert Lyons, is in better shape, but the Zips still need help at outside linebacker. ■

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